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MAYOR HART'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

Following is the inaugural address of Mayor Hart, made to the City Council, Monday, January 1, 1900:

GENTLEMEN OF THE CITY COUNCIL: You are to be congratulated. All good people hope that the last year of the century may be the city's best. We are told that great changes have taken place within the past few years, calling for new ideas and broader effort. New ideas are welcome, broader efforts are in order, a nobler consecration to duty is right; at the same time the laws of good citizenship are in a measure immutable, like those of good morals, and our ancient records tell us that we are not the first to take a large view of municipal enterprise. We are but links in a chain, connecting the great past with the unknown future. Let us hope that the link we form may be equal to fair requirements, and that we may have the approval of right-minded people, together with the blessings of Heaven. The object of City Government is to serve the

community in doing its daily duty, in achieving more and more, in striving for the best, in honestly earning our daily bread, in promoting law and order, and in holding fast to the higher things known to us all as truth, education, science, art, religion, good conduct and righteousness.

The City Council is to be congratulated upon the increase of its power in the matter of appropriations. The wisest possible use should be made of this power, lest it be taken away, perhaps for good. The public in general, and the General Court in particular, will watch our proceedings with close attention, ready to let us work out our own problems, provided we exercise reasonable prudence and diligence. In so far as a city or town takes good care of itself, no undue interference by the Commonwealth is to be expected. On the contrary, the Commonwealth will be glad to supplement and complete the cause of municipal home rule by enlightened measures applicable to all our municipalities alike. An interesting effort is now made to consolidate the city charter and the hundreds of supplementary laws. The work is to be continued, and may assume larger proportions, as it seems proper, perhaps, to follow State and national precedents in framing a charter that defines the powers vested in the city and the city government, separating and distributing these powers in the light of ample experience, and leaving all details to such laws, ordinances, rules and regulations as we have in great abundance. The framing of such a charter calls for the highest talent, and the proposed codification of the laws, ordinances, rules and regulations under the charter of the city requires special experience and talent. Fortunately the city has both. The City Council should join, by the appointment of a Committee on Codification.

In arranging the laws and the work of the city government we should bear in mind that Boston is a business community, where people live by commerce, trade, and productive work of all kinds. The city government should do what it can to help such work along. Attention is called to the harbor that makes Boston a great city. Great harbor improvements are in hand,

mainly under the wise and generous authority of the United States. These improvements call for the active interest and hearty support of the commercial community and the city government, as well as the Commonwealth. One of our distinguished mayors rendered important services of this kind, and we should follow the good example set by Mr. Lincoln more than forty years ago. The harbor itself and our navigable waters are under the jurisdiction of the United States. The city, the Commonwealth, and the mercantile bodies should sustain and encourage the national authorities, and we should make the most of our harbor front, of wharf and dock facilities, that commerce may thrive, and public taxes be paid with alacrity. Our highway bridges over navigable waters require the immediate attention of the city government, which should try hard to secure the friendly coöperation of all parties. The aim should be to make Boston, as far as lies in our power, the equal of the best in all commercial facilities.

All our business streets should be put in the best condition; unusual efforts should be made to facilitate traffic, to regulate and relieve heavy business teaming, to systematize street-car facilities, to accommodate pedestrians, and to effect an improvement by widening certain streets and sidewalks. Perhaps the first of these great works to be undertaken by the city is in the direction of north and south lines in the heart of the city. The Street Commissioners suggest the widening of Exchange street, and of Cross street, to which might be added a new treatment of Tremont street, manifestly favored by public opinion. Proper plans will be prepared, and the city government will be glad to receive the advice of business representatives. New modes of travel call for proper recognition and encouragement, and the subject of traffic and locomotion in the city proper is sufficiently large, as well as urgent, for the employment of a commission comprising merchants, teamsters, engineers, railroad men, and the best experts in the service of the city, including the police. The City Council is requested to take proper action, and the executive will shrink from no effort to secure the best information and the best

solution of the difficulty. The experience of larger cities is of value; but Boston has a peculiar problem, while offering also peculiar opportunities. I know of no American city where daily arrivals and departures in the business section are relatively larger. Neither is there a city offering better natural conditions for local traffic than Boston. Under proper treatment our growing street traffic can be and will be accommodated.

The city owns and occupies some three hundred buildings, and needs more. Our City Hall is antiquated. In meeting the convenience of the public, the time has arrived for gradual decentralization, such as is practised by other business enterprises. Express and telegraph companies have as many offices as possible; we have many postal stations where people can transact business, without going to the main office; the Police and Fire Departments show the right method; so do our minor courts, which are scattered over the city. In short, rather than building a vast City Hall, like Philadelphia, we ought to have a general municipal building in several sections of the city, and in addition the Old Court House should be rebuilt, perhaps in sections, to accommodate the central offices. This annex of City Hall should be a modern steel structure, with ample fireproof vaults. The annex, it seems proper, should be a good office building. At the same time the cause of architecture has large claims to attention and respect, and far more is required than the skill of one man to design our many public buildings. Perhaps a whole commission may be called upon, if thought best, to go over the vast field, and work out a large plan for our city architecture. The haphazard way in which we have built does not look right, and comparatively few of our public buildings are wholly satisfactory. It is thought that with correct methods we may have better results, and that our public buildings may, without greater cost, be more appropriate. The architectural profession, with its accustomed public spirit, will not fail to cooperate.

The administration of the eight-hour law will be undertaken in good faith. The impression that laborers and mechanics cannot do a full day's work in eight hours of energetic work, seems erroneous. The employees themselves have the highest interest in vindicating the law, and good people will justify the discharge of men who do not, under the new arrangement, perform a day's fair work. An effort will be made, at the same time, to place as large a force as possible on what they call a permanent basis, that is, keeping them employed the year round. I accomplished something of the kind years ago in the Paving Division, and the result justifies a larger application of the

rule. Certain work cannot be done in winter; but men can be employed usefully, and the city should be a kind employer. The wanton hire and discharge of labor and teams at certain seasons will be discontinued.

If the right men can be found, a careful inquiry into the pension system of the Fire and Police Departments will be made, with a view to its larger application among city employees in general. A good example is set by a number of railroads, and the object in view is the prevention of pauperism among worthy city employees when they are disabled in the course of their duty, or retire on account of age. The remedy may be a system of compulsory insurance, employees contributing a fraction of their wages, the city making a suitable addition, the fund to be invested in city bonds and like securities. Nor should the city lose under such a system, which will facilitate the retirement of the aged and feeble, some of whom are now kept for reasons of charity. At present the city has more than 12,000 persons on its pay-roll, the wages and salaries average high, and under a good pension system, now partly in force, it is reasonable to expect, a better order of service. The City Council might appoint a Committee on Pensions, report what the city is now doing in that line, make inquiry elsewhere, and invite information from insurance men as well as others, with a view to future action.

The finances of the city do not permit the simple statements of former years. It used to be easy to get the exact figures of our gross and net debt from the City Auditor; of late some new elements have come in to complicate accounts. It has happened that the city has bought real property, subject to a mortgage. Such action enables the city to secure important estates for a slight payment in cash; but the practice is open to objections. It hides the debt where it used to show. The debt of the city to or through metropolitan boards has never been ascertained. A careful inquiry justifies the statement that this kind of city debt amounts to not less than \$20,000,000, but does not appear in the accounts of the city. The city receives annual warrants for pay, and pays them. Very likely the city gets full value for such payments. But the liabilities of the city are not entirely clear, except that the larger part of the outlay by metropolitan boards is borne by Boston. These boards and the State Auditor have supplied interesting statements, to be printed with this address. Attention to the subject is invited, and an effort will be made to establish such accounts as will be satisfactory to all parties in interest, and clearly define our liabilities. In fact, before any new work of importance can be undertaken, it will be prudent to

ascertain what the city owes, directly and indirectly.

The total liabilities of the city appear to exceed a \$100,000,000. The net debt reported by the books of the city is \$56,206,145.74, to which we may add the liabilities of Boston just mentioned as incurred through metropolitan boards. The debt authorized, but not issued, was \$7,107,550 at the beginning of business to-day. The cash on hand, with which business began today, was \$3,387,281.69. The customary statements of the City Auditor are appended to this address; also, statements from the City Collector and Treasurer. They illustrate the magnitude of our financial operations, for which it will be hard to find a parallel in cities of similar size. Boston is certainly a lavish city. Yet our people justify generous expenses wherever they feel that they receive a fair return.

In ascertaining our finances, in adjusting our relations to metropolitan boards and to the Commonwealth, in advancing with the spirit of the age to new work and new duties, it is of the utmost importance that the City Council, the executive departments, the School Committee, the county officers, the metropolitan boards, and the authorities of the Commonwealth should work together in friendly harmony, and it is pleasant to think that men and women in private life stand ready to help in serving the city and its people. This unpaid service of volunteers, qualified to promote the public good, should be encouraged and enlarged. The field is great, and almost every part of it calls for new treatment, better methods, a thoroughly modern spirit, and broader aims. With special hope and confidence the city may appeal to the younger people, who have had the benefit of our modern education, to take up municipal problems, and to attempt their solution in a true public spirit, and with scientific methods, for the good of all. The people are invited to help. In the present year the national census will be taken, and will occasion a great many systematic inquiries into a great many subjects of interest and importance.

The people of Boston should give their hearty assistance, and the City Council might appoint a Census Committee, to obtain the most accurate municipal stock taking in history. The results are almost certain to be of the highest value. For without accurate information how can we govern as we should, and as we desire? The Civil Service law, in its letter and spirit, will be complied with, and applicants for employment in the public service should learn that the law is their good friend, not an enemy, except to evil-doers. And let all know that this is to be a government of law and order, not of partisanship or spoils.

THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF 1900.

The City Government of 1900 met for organization on Monday, January 1, 1900.

The members-elect of the Board of Aldermen met in their Chamber at 10 A.M., Alderman-elect Codman, senior member, in the chair.

The members-elect of the Common Council assembled in the Common Council Chamber, and were called to order at 10.04 A.M. by Mr. Kinney, of Ward 10, senior member-elect.

The Board was notified by a committee of the Common Council-elect that a quorum of the members-elect of that body were in session, ready to proceed to business.

The Board of Aldermen-elect entered the Common Council Chamber at 10.24 A.M., escorted by the City Messenger, and took seats with the Common Councilmen-elect. Alderman-elect Codman, senior member, took the chair.

A committee of five was appointed to notify the Mayor that the Board of Aldermen-elect were assembled in the Common Council Chamber for the purpose of being qualified.

The Mayor-elect, Thomas N. Hart, accompanied by Mayor Quincy, the Rev. John Cuckson, chaplain of the day, and others, entered the Common Council Chamber, escorted by the City Messenger, and took seats with the convention.

After prayer by the chaplain, a message was received from the Board of Election Commissioners certifying the names of members-elect of the City Council.

The oath of office was administered to Mayor Hart by Chief Justice Holmes, and the Chief Justice and suite retired at 10.45 A.M.

The usual oaths of office were administered by Mayor Hart to the Aldermen-elect and Councilmen-elect, all being present except Councilmen James M. Curley, of Ward 17, and Clarence W. Sanderson, of Ward 25, and taking the oath, as follows:

ALDERMEN.

First District — Frederick William Day.
 Second District — Phillip O'Brien.
 Third District — Edward William Dixon.
 Fourth District — Patrick Bowen, Michael William Norris.
 Fifth District — Michael Joseph O'Brien.
 Sixth District — George Holden Tinkham.
 Seventh District — James Henry Doyle.
 Eighth District — Joseph James Norton.
 Ninth District — Wilbur Fiske Adams, Franklin Lincoln Codman.
 Tenth District — Robert Anson Jordan.
 Eleventh District — Edwin Peabody Gerry.

COUNCILMEN.

Ward 1 — George H. Battis, William B. Jackson, David W. Simpson.
 Ward 2 — William C. S. Healey, Frank J. Johnson, Daniel J. Sheehan.

Ward 3 — William J. Carley, Francis J. Doherty, Charles A. Horrigan.

Ward 4 — George H. Cadigan, Thomas A. Kelley, John P. Sullivan.

Ward 5 — Arthur W. Dolan, John F. Gibbons, John C. Hurley.

Ward 6 — Andrew A. Badaracco, Patrick H. Bradley, Thomas J. Grady.

Ward 7 — Daniel J. Donnelly, James H. Stone, James A. Sweeney.

Ward 8 — Michael F. Hart, Daniel J. Kiley, Martin Leftovith.

Ward 9 — Daniel L. Flanagan, Samuel Kasanof, John J. Tobin.

Ward 10 — Alfred F. Kinney, Walter R. Mansfield, Osborn A. Newton.

Ward 11 — Edward A. Armistead, William S. B. Stevens, Lawrence M. Stockton.

Ward 12 — Donald N. MacDonald, Arthur K. Peck, Harry S. Upham.

Ward 13 — Lawrence J. Kelly, Frank J. Linehan, John E. L. Monaghan.

Ward 14 — George A. Donahoe, Edward L. Logan, J. Frank O'Hare.

Ward 15 — John D. Fenton, John H. Giblin, William L. White.

Ward 16 — Frank S. Atwood, William McG. Grant, Frank E. Wells.

Ward 17 — Timothy L. Connolly, * James M. Curley, George A. Flynn.

Ward 18 — John J. Curley, William E. Good, Michael W. Kelley.

Ward 19 — William H. Doyle, William O'S. Hennigan, James McInerney.

Ward 20 — Oliver F. Davenport, George R. Miller, George O. Wood.

Ward 21 — William M. Curtis, Fred A. Emery, Clarence W. Starratt.

Ward 22 — William H. Nitz, William G. Roemer, William L. Strickland.

Ward 23 — Walter E. Henderson, J. Henry Smith, Frederick W. Whiteley.

Ward 24 — Herbert W. Barr, William E. Hannan, Samuel H. Mildram.

Ward 25 — Frank H. Howe, * Clareuce W. Sanderson, Harvey W. Walker.

* Absent and did not qualify.

After the members-elect of the City Council had qualified, Mayor Hart delivered his inaugural address. (See page 1.)

At the conclusion of his address the Mayor retired and the joint convention of the City Council was dissolved.

In Board of Aldermen.

The Board of Aldermen reassembled in the Aldermanic Chamber at 11.14 P.M., Alderman Codman, senior member, in the chair.

A communication from His Honor the Mayor was received. (See Messages from the Mayor, page 8.) A motion to adjourn was lost — yeas, 3; nays, 10.

A motion to proceed to the election of a Chairman for the ensuing year was carried, and the roll was called with the following result:

Alderman Codman received two votes, viz., of Aldermen Adams and Codman; Alderman Day received two votes, viz., of Aldermen Day and M. J. O'Brien; Alderman Doyle received four votes, viz., of Aldermen Bowen, Doyle, Norris and P. O'Brien; Alderman Jordan received three

votes, viz., of Aldermen Gerry, Jordan and Tinkham; and Alderman Norton received two votes, viz., of Aldermen Dixon and Norton.

After the Chairman had declared that there was no choice, the Board adjourned to meet on Friday, January 5, 1900, at 3 P.M.

In Common Council.

After the retirement of the members of the Board of Aldermen, the Council was called to order by Mr. Kiuney, of Ward 10, senior member.

The Chairman put the motion made by Mr. Mansfield, of Ward 10, to adjourn; declared the Council adjourned, and left the chair.

Mr. Kiley, of Ward 8, doubted the vote, took the chair and directed the Clerk to call the roll. The roll was called by the Clerk, who reported that twenty-six members were present.

The Chair stated that a majority of the members of the Council were present in the Chamber, although some had not responded to the roll-call, and directed the Council to proceed to business.

The following order, offered by Mr. Hart, of Ward 8, was read by the Clerk:

Ordered, That the Council now proceed to elect a President; that the roll be called by the Clerk; that each member as his name is called announce aloud for whom he desires to vote; that the same be recorded by the Clerk; and that the person receiving a majority of the votes be declared elected President of the Common Council for 1900.

The Chair put the question to the house and said:

The Chair will declare the order carried. The question now comes on the election of a President of the Common Council. The Chair directed the Clerk to call the roll, which was done. Twenty-nine members responded to their names and voted for Daniel J. Kiley, of Ward 8.

The Chair ruled that more than a majority of the members were present in the Council Chamber. He ruled that twenty-nine members had responded to the roll-call, that *nineteen members were present in the Council Chamber refusing to respond to the roll-call, and declared Daniel J. Kiley elected President of the Council.

A vote to adjourn till Thursday, January 4, 1900, at 7.45 P.M. was carried.

Much confusion arose during the meeting owing to points of order and interlocutory remarks.

*The stenographer understood the Chair to say nine.

DEATH OF W. J. MAHONEY.

Mr. William J. Mahoney died at his home, 19 Baldwin street, Charlestown, Friday morning, December 29, 1899.

Mr. Mahoney was a native of Boston, and was forty-eight years of age. Since 1870 he had been engaged in the liquor business. In 1886, 1887, 1888 and 1889 he was a member of the Common Council.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION OF HEATING AND VENTILATING SYSTEMS ADOPTED BY OTHER CITIES.

In a message to the School Committee, read at its meeting held September 12, 1899 (see THE CITY RECORD, Vol. II., No. 38, page 630), Mayor Quincy declined to approve an order adopted by that body for equipping the new grammar school-house on Quincy and Perth streets, Dorchester, with a hot-air furnace system, on the ground that furnace systems should not be installed in any building having more than eight or ten rooms.

Mr. F. W. Chandler, Consulting Architect, has conducted an investigation of the methods of heating and ventilating adopted by the School Boards of Chicago, New York and Philadelphia, the results of which are shown in the following copies of correspondence transmitted to Mayor Quincy:

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT — ARCHITECT DIVISION.

City Hall, December 6, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor, Boston.

DEAR SIR: To learn what is considered the best practice in regard to the heating and ventilating of school-houses in other large cities than Boston, I wrote a circular letter and sent a copy to the engineers of the School Boards of Chicago, New York and Philadelphia. I worded this circular to avoid giving any expression of opinion, as you will see by the enclosed copy. I received a courteous answer from each of these gentlemen, copies of which are also enclosed.

There could be no more complete indorsement of the position you have taken in the matter affecting the rival claims of heating school-houses by hot air or steam. In fact, these three cities are not only ahead of Boston, in that their School Boards appreciate the value of having in their employ a skilled engineer, who is held responsible for the designing, working and maintenance of their heating and ventilating plants, but they have also learned that it is not in accord with the best modern practice to heat and ventilate other than small or temporary school-houses by hot-air furnaces. In fact, a hot-air plant must be apologized for, if installed in a Chicago or New York school-house, and in Philadelphia a four-room building is the largest where such an installation is allowed.

It seemed to me well worth while to have the opinion of these other engineers as an added weight in answering the letter dated October 3, 1899, written you by the Fuller-Warren Company, asking practically for a hearing on the merits of their system of heating and ventilating. Nothing can be gained by such a hearing, as the letter brings out nothing new. It simply emphasizes former statements and assertions.

The question is not whether school-houses can be warmed and ventilated by hot-air furnaces or by furnaces combined with fans. No one would venture to deny such possibilities. It concerns rather the relative advantages or disadvantages of the system as compared with the methods more commonly employed.

The cuts show nothing peculiar in the construction of the Fuller-Warren furnace that makes them better heaters than other furnaces to be found in the open market and unprotected by patents. In other words, it would be absurd for the Fuller-Warren Company to claim that a pound of coal burned in their furnace will yield more heat than if burned in any other furnace. The question, then, is reduced to which is the most effective heater, the hot-air furnace, or the steam or hot-water boiler.

This effectiveness is wholly a question of complete oxydation of carbon in the coal, with a minimum quantity of air used in the process of combustion, and next is the transfer of the heat produced, to the air or premises to be warmed, the initial stages of this transfer being the yielding of heat to boiler or furnace shell.

(1.) No furnace will so completely remove heat from combustion gas as the best type of steam or hot-water boilers for low temperature work.

(2.) The amount of heat yielded from combustion depends on the amount of surface exposed to the heat. In a furnace the amount of such surface rarely exceeds twenty times the area of the grate. In a boiler that surface not uncommonly reaches forty times the area of the grate.

(3.) The furnace shell temperature is often from 150 to 200 degrees, and more, higher than the temperature of a "low-pressure" boiler shell. When the fires are forced, the furnace shells are frequently sufficiently heated to glow in darkness, with the effect of sensibly injuring the quality of the air, by overheating it, and burning its dust. Another danger is the cracking of the furnace shell. Mr. Waters, of Chicago, says: "The large cast-iron tubular furnaces give better results, but the large arch-plates are liable to crack at any time, thus allowing smoke and gases to pass up into the rooms with the incoming air." These conditions are impossible in a boiler.

(4.) It is well known that fires cannot give their best results by complete combustion, where the fires are low, that is, "mulling." Considerable carbon is then only partially oxydized, scarcely developing more than one-third the heat developed when the carbon is completely oxydized. In the case of furnaces connected each with its own group of rooms, it becomes necessary to carry fire in all the furnaces, and in mild weather, if the furnaces are adequate to the demands of cold weather, the fires must be low mulling fires. Often, in such case, the furnace doors are left wide open, and the chimney draft carries the heat as rapidly as possible up the chimney, so as to prevent the too rapid burning of the coal and overheating the air furnished the rooms, or the furnace doors may be kept closed, and the fires made to burn sluggishly, allowing the gases to go off half burned. Either course means a waste of heat.

Boilers on the other hand are connected with the entire steam system, and one, two or three boilers may be used in connection with that system, and in accordance with the weather demands. A hot, bright fire may therefore be carried under one or more boilers, and the combustion be as complete as when the draft is doing its best work.

(5.) A further piece of false economy, to my mind, is in the statement of the Fuller-

Warren Company that a higher-priced man is needed to run a boiler-system than a furnace. The extra wages paid to a skilled fireman or engineer are certainly more than offset in the more economical use of fuel and skilled care of the apparatus, whether running a steam or large furnace plant, to say nothing of better and more efficient service.

Certainly there is no reason why you should change from the position you have taken that a six or eight-room school-house should be the limit of size in which the heating and ventilating may be done by a furnace system. It is a very conservative stand compared with that taken in other cities.

Respectfully yours,

F. W. CHANDLER,

Consulting Architect.

The circular letter of the Consulting Architect, which was sent to Messrs. T. J. Waters, Chief Engineer, Board of Education, Chicago; William M. Mannes, Engineer, assistant to Superintendent of School Buildings, New York, and J. D. Cassell, Inspector of Heaters, Board of Public Education, Philadelphia, and the replies thereto, referred to above, are as follows:

Boston, October 30, 1899.

MY DEAR SIR: As Consulting Architect to the Mayor of Boston, I am anxious to learn what your experience has been under conditions, which here have presented considerable difficulties.

I should explain that my appointment by the Mayor was due to the fact, that as he has the final approval of all building contracts of the city, he was unwilling to execute them without the assurance from a disinterested expert that the interests of the city were properly protected.

The questions I wish to ask belong to our public school-house work, and refer to the rival claims of furnace and boiler contractors, whether the heating and ventilation shall be done by hot air or steam.

(1.) Do you decide the question of installation of a hot-air or boiler plant by the size of the school building, and if so, what is the greatest number of rooms for which you will allow a hot-air plant to be installed?

(2.) How, in the case of buildings of eight rooms and upwards, does the first cost compare in the installation of the two systems.

(3.) How does the cost of fuel required compare?

(4.) Comparison of cost of repairs?

(5.) Comparison of life of the two plants?

If you will answer these questions at your earliest convenience I shall be greatly indebted to you, and will reciprocate the favor in any way I can. I also hope you will allow Mayor Quincy to make use of your answers should he desire to.

Yours truly,

F. W. CHANDLER,

Consulting Architect.

BOARD OF EDUCATION, OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER.

Chicago, November 3, 1899.

F. W. CHANDLER, Professor of Architecture, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

DEAR SIR: Replying to your letter of inquiry of the thirtieth ultimo, I shall

endeavor to answer the questions in the order in which you submitted them.

(1.) It has been my practice to install furnaces in all buildings containing six rooms and under, although I have placed low pressure gravity steam-heating apparatus in some buildings containing but four class-rooms. The small buildings in which furnaces are installed are of a temporary character, and constructed of wood in the outlying districts.

(2.) The cost of heating and ventilating apparatus of two school buildings, each containing eight class-rooms, and an assembly hall, the equivalent of two class-rooms, erected in 1894, is as follows:

Steam heating and mechanical ventilating apparatus	\$5,188
Furnace heat and natural ventilation	3,200

(3.) The amount of coal and cost of same for each building for a period of two years follows:

Steam-heated building:

1896-1897, 372,710 pounds bituminous coal, at \$2.30 per ton	\$428 61
1897-1898, 440,175 pounds bituminous coal, at \$2.05 per ton	451 18

Furnace-heated building:

1896-1897, 393,435 pounds anthracite coal, at \$5.60 per ton	\$1,101 61
1897-1898, 297,250 pounds anthracite coal, at \$5.72 per ton	850 14

(4.) Repairs to apparatus from 1894 up to date: Steam-heated buildings, \$84.62; furnace-heated building, \$454.35.

(5.) A steam-heating apparatus, such as I now design, will certainly last twenty-five or thirty years. I know of a school building in Chicago which was equipped with a steam-heating apparatus in 1856, and the wall coils, which extend around the class-rooms under the windows, are still in position and doing service. The boiler I removed about six or seven years ago, as it was inadequate to generate sufficient steam for additional heating surface which was placed in the building. Now, with regard to furnaces, I wish to state that the life of a fire-pot is rarely over two years. Of course, when a defective fire-pot is removed and a new one substituted, the furnace is practically as good as new. The large cast-iron tubular furnaces give better results, but the large arch-plates are liable to crack at any time, thus allowing smoke and gases to pass up into the rooms with the incoming air. During the past ten years furnaces were removed from thirty-six school buildings in the City of Chicago, with an average of about fifteen class-rooms each, and steam-heating and mechanical ventilating apparatus substituted.

The Board of Education of the City of Chicago has not installed furnaces in any first-class school-building for the past sixteen years, except the one referred to in this communication, which is an addition to an existing building, the same being heated by furnaces, and the character of the old building was such that the introduction of modern steam-heating and ventilating plant to heat both buildings was not permissible.

Very respectfully,

T. J. WATERS, Chief Engineer.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

New York, November 8, 1899.

MR. F. W. CHANDLER, Professor of Architecture, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston.

DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of your letter of October 30, and note what you say in regard to rival claims of furnaces and boiler contractors. I make no pretence of using hot-air furnaces for any of the new schools, but we have used them occasionally in old school buildings—of say from two to eight school-rooms—where we did not consider it of sufficient consequence to install a steam or hot-water apparatus on account of the likelihood of their being abandoned for more modern buildings.

In all of our new school buildings we have installed either a steam or hot-water apparatus; the most successful being those heated by hot water, forced circulation. In all cases, whether we heat by steam or water, we use direct radiation for warming the rooms; for ventilation we provide an independent fresh air supply at a summer temperature, using a fan blower.

In answer to your second question, would state that we have no permanent schools containing less than eight rooms, therefore, it would be difficult for me to advise you.

(3.) For the above reason also it is rather difficult for me to compare the running expense of hot air and steam; but from the few cases where we have installed furnaces, my judgment is that where it is possible to ventilate and heat a school under all conditions of atmosphere with a furnace, that the coal consumption is somewhat greater.

(4.) As far as the cost of repairs and life of the apparatus is concerned, there is no doubt in my mind but that the steam or water plant would outlast the furnace, and with less expenditure for repairs.

I trust that this information may be of service to you and would add that you are at liberty to use this letter in any way that you think best.

Yours truly,

WILLIAM M. MANNES,

Engineer, Assistant to Superintendent of School Buildings.

OFFICE OF ARCHITECT AND SUPERVISOR.

Philadelphia, November 8, 1899.

F. W. CHANDLER, Esq., Professor of Architecture, Massachusetts Institute of Technology:

MY DEAR SIR: In reply to your questions of November 1, 1899, would say:

(1.) Four rooms is the largest size building in which hot-air furnace installation is permitted, although we have a large number of old buildings of from eight to twenty-one rooms heated by hot-air. New buildings of from five to ten rooms we heat by low pressure gravity direct and indirect radiation; new buildings of more than twelve rooms we use the blower system.

(2.) Our flue construction for either system is the same. The furnace system with an air delivery of ten cubic feet per pupil per minute costs \$1.50 per capita. The gravity system, with direct and indirect radiation, same air delivery, costs \$5.60 per capita. Blower system, with thirty cubic

feet delivery, costs \$7 to \$7.50 per capita. The above prices do not include the cost of heat, vent, smoke-flues or registers, all of the latter being provided for in the general building construction. Owing to our design of buildings we have not attempted to attain a thirty cubic-foot air delivery with the hot-air or steam gravity system.

(3.) The amount of fuel for the hot-air system is about 10 per cent. more in tonnage than the gravity system and 14 per cent. more than the blower system. As we use egg coal in the hot-air furnaces and pea coal under the boilers there is a still larger difference in favor of the gravity steam and blower system of 37 per cent. and 41 per cent. respectively over the hot-air system.

(4.) I cannot give you an intelligent answer concerning the comparison of cost of repairs owing to our dual system of government; there is an annual appropriation of \$11,000 disbursed by our forty sectional School Boards over which our Central Board has no control.

(5.) The average life of our hot-air furnaces, including repairs and renewals of various parts, is twenty years. We also have steam-boilers that have been in use for that length of time. Our oldest blower system has been in use six years and we have made no renewals.

Trusting the above may be of some use to you and His Honor Mayor Quincy, I am

Very truly yours,

J. D. CASSELL,

Inspector of Heaters, Board of Public Education.

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION.

Boston, December 28, 1899.

A meeting of the Cambridge Bridge Commission was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Boston, on Thursday, December 28, 1899, at 2.30 P.M.

Present: All the members.

A conference was held with Mr. J. Morris Meredith, representing the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, in reference to the manner in which the property of the said estate, adjoining the approach to the Cambridge bridge on the Boston side would be effected by the laying out of the said bridge.

Adjourned, subject to the call of the Secretary.

EDGAR R. CHAMPLIN, Secretary.

LIST OF HOUSES ORDERED VACATED AND DEMOLISHED.

The following is a list of houses ordered vacated by the Board of Health during the month of December, 1899:

Grove street, first right from Washington street.

667 Harrison avenue.

16 Gould street.

19 Prospect street.

55 Billerica street.

Poplar street, corner of Charles street.

The building numbered 33 Clark street was ordered demolished.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street, at 7.30 P.M., on Tuesday, December 26, 1899, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Mr. Fleischer.

It was ordered, under a suspension of the rules, that the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers, in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

The appointments and confirmations were approved.

The Board proceeded to ballot on the election of Director of Music. The whole number of votes cast was 16; necessary for choice, 13; Leonard B. Marshall had 1 vote, James M. McLaughlin had 15 votes, and was accordingly declared Director of Music, to date from January 2, 1900.

The Board proceeded to ballot on the election of Head-master of the Normal School. The whole number of votes cast was 21; necessary for a choice, 13; Wallace C. Boyden had 11 votes; there were 10 blanks, and there was no choice.

There was no choice on the second ballot, and the matter was recommitted to the Committee on Normal School by a vote of 9 to 8.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read, and successively passed:

(1.) That Harlan P. Ford, assistant, grammar school, in the Robert G. Shaw District, be placed upon the third year of service in his rank, to date from September 14, 1899.

(2.) That Edith L. Phelan, principal of the Greenwood Hall Kindergarten, be placed on the second year of service in her rank, to date from October 2, 1899.

(3.) That Mary B. Pope, principal of the Bailey-street Kindergarten, be placed on the second year of service in her rank, to date from September 13, 1899.

(4.) That Dora W. Rohlsen, assistant, primary school, Everett District, be paid \$24 for extra services.

(5.) That the salary of the teacher of the second special class, authorized by the Board November 14, be fixed at the rate of \$792 per annum, to date from December 14, 1899.

(6.) That the salary of the janitor of the Bailey-street annex and of 86 Milton avenue Schools, be fixed at the rate of \$120 each per annum, to date from December 13, 1899.

(7.) That the salary of the janitor of the Austin School be fixed at the rate of \$240 per annum, to date from October 7, 1899.

(8.) That the salary of the janitor of 399 Saratoga-street School be fixed at the rate of \$120 per annum, to date from November 10, 1899.

(9.) That there be paid to Thomas W. Kenney the sum of \$52 for services rendered as janitor of Curtis Hall, from September 22 to December 22, 1899.

(10.) That the plans and specifications for a new primary school-house on Parker street, Roxbury, prepared by Wilson & Webber, architects, having been approved by the Superintendent of Schools, be accepted, and the same are hereby approved

by this Board; and the said Wilson & Webber are hereby selected and employed to supervise the construction and erection of said school-house in accordance with said plans and specifications; and the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals to construct and erect the same, substantially in accordance with said plans and specifications.

(11.) That the income of the donation of Linus B. Comins, for the benefit of the Comins Grammar School, be expended in the purchase of books for the library of said school, under the direction and with the approval of the Committee on the Seventh Division.

The resignations of eight teachers, presented by the Superintendent of Schools, were accepted.

The rule requiring that all appointments, confirmations and transfers presented by the Superintendent be laid over for two weeks, was suspended.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, confirmations and transfers for the approval of the Board, certified by him as made in accordance with the Rules and Regulations:

(1.) The appointment of one special assistant, approved; (2) the appointment of one temporary teacher, placed on file; (3) the reappointments of seven temporary teachers, approved; (4) the appointments of thirteen teachers on probation, approved; (5) the confirmation of three teachers, approved; (6) the transfers of two teachers, approved.

Leave of absence was granted to nine teachers.

The Superintendent presented the following appointments, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto: (1) The appointments of four temporary teachers, approved, under suspension of the rules; (2) the reappointments of five temporary teachers, approved; (3) the appointment of one teacher on probation.

Mr. Aldrich, for the Committee on New Buildings, presented the annual report of that committee in print. (School Document No. 13, 1899.)

Accepted.

On the recommendation of the Committee on New Buildings, it was ordered, under suspension of the rules:

(1.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to approve the payment of \$19 to Traverse & Schumacher for painting and tinting walls at the Bowditch School-house.

(2.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of Frank G. Coburn & Co. for erecting the Dorchester High School-house in a sum not exceeding \$390 for supplying built-up running traps and extension of iron drain-pipe, etc.

(3.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to expend sums, not exceeding those specified below, for extra work to be done in connection with the Frederick A. Whitney School-house.

Tablet to be placed on outside of the building	\$85
Wickets for protection of grass plots	35
Copper hoods for chimneys	200
Total	\$320

(4.) That from the \$50,000 appropriated April 26, 1898, for new primary school-house, Thomas N. Hart District, the following transfer be made:

Wooden building, Adams and Chestnut streets, Charlestown, \$3,220.

(5.) That 500 additional copies of the Annual Report of the Committee on New Buildings, School Document No. 13, 1899, be printed.

(6.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of James Fagan, for addition to and alteration of the Mechanic Arts High School-house, in the sum of \$548.90 for altering and enlarging main ventilating shaft, providing additional overhang and louvres, and for two iron ladders, to provide means of reaching roof of tower of addition.

(7.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of William Scollans, for grading around the Frederick A. Whitney School-house, to cover the following items:

Building and painting fence	\$200
Extra gravel and screening	55
Extra drain and digging	125
Total	\$380

(8.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Haliwell & Barry, in the sum of \$3,220, for erecting a two-room wooden school building on Adams and Chestnut streets, Charlestown District.

(9.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the general contract of John S. Jacobs & Son in the sum of \$1,065.13, for additional mason, iron and brick work found to be necessary.

On the recommendation of the Committee on School-houses, the resignation of one janitor was accepted, and the appointment of one janitor was approved.

It was ordered:

(1.) That the Committee on School-houses are hereby authorized to execute a contract with the Chandler Adjustable Chair and Desk Works in the sum of \$1,174.30 for furnishing the Francis Parkman School-house, Forest Hills; said concern being the lowest bidder.

(2.) That the Committee on Accounts be requested to report such changes in the Annual Appropriation order for 1899-1900 as will result in providing an additional amount of \$30,000 to be expended for repairs and alterations upon school buildings.

(3.) That there be paid to Michael J. Crowley the sum of \$24.37 for services rendered as acting janitor of the Wait School from December 1 to December 17, 1899, inclusive.

(4.) That the salary of the janitor of 370 Warren street and 4 and 6 Maywood-street Schools be fixed at the rate of \$240 per annum, to date from October 17, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

(5.) That the salary of the janitor of the Latin School be fixed at the rate of \$1,920 per annum, to date from January 1, 1900, until otherwise ordered.

(6.) That the salary of the janitor of the Quincy-street School (Lewis District) be fixed at the rate of \$708 per annum, to date

from December 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

(7.) That the salary of the janitor of the Bowditch School be fixed at the rate of \$1,260 per annum, to date from December 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

(8.) That Persis P. Drake, assistant in the Roxbury High School, be placed upon the eighth year of service in her rank, to date from December 22, 1899.

(9.) That there be paid to Wallace C. Boyden the sum of \$37.50 per month from September 1, 1899, in addition to his regular salary as master of the Normal School, for extra services as acting head-master of said school.

Under a suspension of the rules it was

Ordered, That 2,000 copies of the Report of the Committee on the Annual Report for 1899 be printed.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Joint Committee on High and Normal Schools, to whom was referred, November 14, an order requesting them to consider and report to this Board as soon as may be upon the advisability of establishing the Girls' Latin School and Normal School in the same building, reported that the plan suggested is, in their judgment, open to many and serious objections. Each of these schools is conducted by a different head-master, has its own corps of teachers and pupils, and follows a separate and distinct course of study. The Normal School has for a number of years experienced the disadvantages of being compelled to conduct its work under the same roof with another school, and this fact has repeatedly been used as an argument in favor of obtaining a sufficient appropriation for the building of a new Normal School-house, which has recently been granted by the Legislature.

The Girls' High and Girls' Latin Schools have also been compelled to divide the accommodations of one building until the growth of both compelled the removal of a part of one to hired accommodations, but the connection between these two schools, which are both under one head, is closer than could exist between either one of them and the Normal School.

The only argument in favor of the proposed plan would be the saving of expense in the construction of one building instead of two, while in all other respects it is the opinion, not only of the committee, but of the principals immediately concerned as well, that the plan would be to the advantage of neither school and of detriment to both.

Your committee believe, however, that it would probably be advisable to erect a separate building for each school upon a common site, if one suitable for the purpose can be obtained, as in the case of the Latin and English High Schools, thus permitting a saving of expense in land, and in the heating and ventilating apparatus, etc.

Your committee are therefore of the opinion that it is inexpedient to establish the Girls' Latin School and Normal School in the same building, and so recommend to the Board.

Mr. Brett presented the following minority report, signed by himself:

The undersigned, a minority of the Joint Committee on High Schools and the Normal School, to whom was referred an order relative to the establishment of the Normal and Girls' Latin Schools in the same building, begs leave to submit the following report:

The Girls' Latin School is now domiciled partly in the Girls' High School and partly in the Chauncey Hall School building, leased by the city at a large rental, so that new and adequate quarters for this school must soon be provided. The question is, therefore, whether it is not advisable, instead of erecting two separate buildings, to establish the Girls' Latin School and the Normal School under the same roof. No difficulty is presented by the size of the schools. There are now in attendance at the Girls' Latin School about 375 scholars, and at the Normal School about 285; together they number about 660 scholars. They are both relatively small schools, and it is not unfair to assume, from the peculiar work of each, that they will continue to remain so. The studies of the Latin School are not of the most popular order, and besides the completion of the new High School building, where instruction in the classics may also be obtained, will have no slight effect in retarding the growth of this school. The Normal School, as it affords a training for but a single profession, must of necessity remain of limited size. It would seem, therefore, to be an easy matter to erect a building sufficiently large to accommodate both schools for several years to come. The building might be so constructed that there would be reserved for each school a portion removed from that occupied by the other. There might be separate entrances. There need be no clashing nor confusion nor interference. The functions of each school might be performed with perfect freedom and unimpaired efficiency. So that, though tenants of the same building, the schools would be in effect distinct and independent.

The chief advantage in a joint occupation of one building would be the immense saving of money that would be effected. The lot of land required would be of about the same area as that authorized for the new Normal School, as the lot of the Girls' High School which was built to accommodate 925 scholars, but in which there are to-day some 1,200, contains but 30,500 square feet. Hence there would be a saving of almost the entire cost of a school-house site. And as the school would probably be located in the Back Bay District, this may be set down as in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

The cost of one large building would be considerably less than that of two separate smaller buildings, and thus would be further reduced by providing certain appurtenances as, for instance, the hall and the gymnasium to be used in common by both schools. At any rate, a single heating system would suffice. So that in the building itself a saving would result which may be roughly estimated at \$100,000.

The plan presents a further advantage in the fact that the large building would afford an opportunity for finer architectural effect, and when completed would be a more imposing ornament in our city.

It is the opinion of the Superintendent that the plan proposed is practicable, that the disparity in the ages of the Latin and Normal scholars is a consideration of little importance, and that the operation of the plan should cause no embarrassment to the several schools, nor prove a detriment to their successful work.

The measure of saving to the city is dependent to a considerable extent on the economies which a single building would

permit. Objection, however, has been made to a single hall for both schools. Inasmuch as the scholars of the Girls' Latin School, as stated by the master of the school, assemble in the hall but three times a week for opening exercises lasting fifteen minutes, and otherwise, during the year, only on a few occasions when public or special exercises are held, and as the needs of the Normal School in this regard are probably no greater, it would seem that as far as actual use is concerned, a separate hall for each school is unnecessary, and that the programmes of the schools, relative to exercises in the hall, might be easily adjusted to prevent collision. Indeed, this objection was not pressed with very great force. It was said, further, as the most important consideration, that unless each school had a hall which was exclusively its own, there would be no development among the scholars of a sentiment of loyalty and affection for the school, and that upon graduation the scholars would lose interest in the school and in its welfare. It will be observed that this objection is purely sentimental. To say that the hall, which the scholars rarely visit, is the *sine qua non* for the creation of a spirit which will bind past graduates to the school, would seem to be somewhat of an exaggeration, for it makes no account of the associations and the intimacies of the school-room, nor of the potent personal influence of the teachers, two factors of no slight importance.

As an objection to the single gymnasium, it was said that when the schools had considerably increased it would be impossible for one gymnasium to accommodate, for the time required each week, all the scholars in classes of thirty-five or forty. But, it is submitted that there is no necessity for the classes remaining of that size. It is the opinion of the Director of Physical Training that, in a gymnasium no larger than that of the English High School, classes numbering even seventy-five or eighty can be conducted in their physical exercises, by one teacher no less smoothly, and with equal profit to the scholars, as classes of thirty-five or forty; that classes of the larger size are not uncommon elsewhere, and that there is no special efficacy in a small class.

The undersigned for these reasons believes that the plan proposed is feasible, and that it possesses certain advantages, that the objections to it are of doubtful value and not prohibitory, and that, therefore, it is worthy of adoption.

Both reports were ordered to be printed and laid upon the table.

It was ordered (1) that there be paid to Rose A. Carrigan, assistant instructor of music, the sum of \$80 for extra services rendered in the Normal School from September 1 to December 22, 1899.

(2.) That all unfinished business at the close of this meeting be referred to the next School Board.

(3.) That the amount due Richard F. Sullivan, deceased, late special teacher of commercial branches in the Charlestown High School, and instructor of phonography and typewriting in the Evening High School, be paid to his widow, Mary W. Sullivan.

(4.) That there be transferred to the item, repairs and alterations upon school buildings, in the annual appropriation order for 1899-1900, the sum of \$15,500, divided as follows: From the item, salaries of instructors, \$8,000;

from the item, salaries of janitors, \$1,000; from the item, fuel, gas and water, \$1,500, and from the item, supplies and incidentals, \$5,000, making the total appropriation for repairs and alterations upon school buildings, \$283,000.

On motion of Mr. Merritt, it was ordered unanimously by a rising vote that the thanks of the Board be presented to Mr. Henry D. Huggan, the President of the Board, for the able, dignified and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of the Board.

The Board adjourned sine die.

RESOLUTIONS BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

The following resolutions were passed by the Common Council at its meeting on Thursday, December 28, and in concurrence by the Board of Aldermen, Saturday, December 30, 1899:

Whereas, The nation has suffered a severe loss in the death of General Lawton while leading his troops in the Philippines; and

Whereas, The manner of his death is typical of the gallantry of the American soldier.

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston extend its sympathy to his bereaved family in this their hour of sorrow.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family.

RESOLUTIONS BY THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The following resolutions were passed by the Common Council at its meeting on Thursday, December 28, 1899, by a vote of — yeas, 35; nays, 22; absent or not voting, 18:

Whereas, The Common Council of the City of Boston has heard of the magnificent struggle for independence and freedom from British tyranny which has been made by the Boer nation recently; and

Whereas, This representative branch of our City Government believes that the Boers ought to be a free nation; be it

Resolved, That this Council congratulate President Kruger and his people on their many successes already achieved, and that we further hope the war will end with the complete victory for the Boer arms.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Common Council be instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to President Kruger.

MONTHLY BULLETIN OF THE STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

Monthly Bulletin No. 9 of the Statistics Department for September, containing the usual additions to the regular tables, has been issued. The appendix for September contains a comparison of fire and police statistics of the principal American cities.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The first meeting of the Board of Aldermen of 1900 was held on Monday, January 1, 1900, at 11 A.M. All the members were present.

The following message was received from the Mayor:

Appointment.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 1, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: Subject to your confirmation, I hereby appoint Patrick A. Collins a member of the special Commission for Consolidating and Revising the Special Laws relating to the City of Boston.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

The final meeting of the Board of Aldermen of 1899 was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 11 A.M. on Saturday, December 30, 1899, Chairman Barry presiding. Absent — Alderman Dixon.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Notice of Deficits.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 30, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith communications from the City Auditor giving notice of deficits, caused by the payment of executions of court, in the following appropriations:

Street Laying-Out Department,	
widening and extending	\$172 28
Primary School-house, Sherwin Dis-	
trict site	4,069 41
Park street, Ward 23	1,550 90

Respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Finances of Street Department.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 30, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Superintendent of Streets relative to the finances of his Department. The fact that all of the divisions of the Street Department except the Paving Division will, according to the present estimate of the Superintendent, finish the financial year within their respective appropriations, and that the deficiency in the Paving Division is only equal to the difference between the amount appro-

priated for the removal of snow and the sum which it was necessary actually to expend for that purpose, seems to me to reflect credit upon the management of the Department during the past year — particularly in view of the extremely small loan appropriations available for the use of the Paving Division.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Veto — Removal of Pole.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 29, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I return herewith without my approval an order revoking the permission formerly granted by your Board to the Boston Electric Light Company to erect a pole at the corner of Bennington and Brooks streets, and directing the said company to remove the said pole within sixty days.

I am informed by the Wire Department that from a mechanical and electrical standpoint the pole is now in its proper location, and that any other location would be more objectionable and more unsafe than the present one.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Reconsideration of the previous action was had, and the Board, after reference to the Committee on Public Improvements, refused to pass the order over the Mayor's veto by a vote of — yeas, 2; nays, 7.

Records of Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 30, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

At its last meeting the Board of Estimate and Apportionment voted that its records and papers be placed in the custody of the City Clerk. I accordingly transmit them herewith, and recommend that they be placed on file.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

Plans Approved by War Department.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 30, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

I transmit herewith, in order that they may be placed on your files, communications from the War Department transmitting instruments approving locations and plans of the following structures:

(1.) A bridge across Mystic river at or near the site of the present Malden bridge

(2.) A crib and inlet box in Boston harbor, on the easterly side of Long Island and northerly of the present wharf.

(3.) A temporary bridge across Mystic river, easterly of and near the present Malden bridge, for use during the construction of a permanent bridge.

(4.) A sea-wall in Mystic river, with permission to fill solid, adjoining the north-westerly side of Alford street, Boston.

(5.) A temporary platform, to be annexed to the Warren bridge, on Charles river.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

Notification of Appointments.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 30, 1899.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

You are hereby notified, in order that it may become a matter of record, that on January 23, 1899, Mr. Benjamin W. Wells, Superintendent of Streets, was designated as the officer of this city to be charged with the enforcement of Chapter 389 of the Acts of 1895, entitled "An Act to Abate the Smoke Nuisance in the City of Boston."

You are also notified that there is a vacancy in the Board of Sinking-fund Commissioners, Mr. Charles H. Cole, a member of the said Board, having resigned his office on November 20, 1899.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

Valedictory of the Mayor.

A valedictory message was received from Mayor Quincy. The reading of the message was ordered dispensed with, and it was

Ordered, That His Honor Mayor Quincy be requested to cause 1,500 copies of his valedictory address to be printed and bound; the expense to be charged to the appropriation for Board of Aldermen, Contingent Expenses.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The final meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, at 4 P.M., on Thursday, December 28, 1899, President Kiley in the chair and a quorum present.

The following messages from His Honor the Mayor were received:

Report on Boys' Camp.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 28, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith the report of the Director in charge and the Advisory Committee of the Boston Municipal Camp for the past year, and I recommend that the same be printed as a document.

I desire to call attention to the excellent record of the camp during the second session of its maintenance by the city, and I feel that the city is again indebted to the director in charge, Commissioner Ernest C. Marshall, and to the Advisory Committee, for a large amount of zealous and intelligent attention to this unique branch of our municipal work. The undertaking of the City of Boston in conducting this camp has attracted a good deal of notice, and I trust that the excellent results thus far achieved at a small expenditure will lead in the future to a continuance of the camp.

Yours respectfully,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

(Annexed was the report referred to).

Ordered printed and sent up.

Engine-house for School.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 28, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith an order passed by the School Committee requesting the use of the old engine-house on Mt. Vernon street, West Roxbury, for school purposes. If the granting of such permission meets with your approval, I recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

October 24, 1899.

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to permit the use of the old engine-house on Mt. Vernon street, West Roxbury, for school purposes.

Passed.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, with the approval of His Honor the Mayor, be authorized to permit the School Committee to use temporarily the old engine-house on Mt. Vernon street, West Roxbury, on such terms and conditions as he shall deem proper.

The order was passed, and the communication and order sent up.

Land for Hospital.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, December 28, 1899.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

I transmit herewith a communication from the Board of Health requesting that a narrow strip of land adjoining their hospital and disinfecting plants on Swett street be placed in charge of that Department, and recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

December 21, 1899.

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: The Board of Health respectfully represents that a narrow strip of land belonging to the City of Boston and forming a part of our present lot for the hospital and disinfecting plants, has been under lease to the Metropolitan Coal Company until recently. The Board further represents that the space between the hospital and said strip of land is too narrow for our purposes, and that the present and future uses of this hospital for contagious diseases and the disinfecting plant require the additional strip of land for the safety of the public and the convenience of our work.

By direction of the Board of Health,

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Ordered, That the triangular piece of land, being the west portion of the city's estate known as the old small-pox hospital estate, on Swett street and containing about 10,600 square feet of land, be transferred from the charge of the Board of Street Commissioners to the custody and uses of the Board of Health, as an addition to the premises used by that Board for a hospital for contagious diseases.

The order was passed, and the communication and order sent up.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following order has been promulgated by the Board of Police:

December 29, 1899.

General Order No. 651.

I. Section 1 of Rule 2 of the Rules and Regulations is hereby amended by striking out the words "Examiner of Claims," so that as amended said rule will read as follows:

"I. The police force of the City of Boston shall consist of a Superintendent, deputy superintendents, chief inspector, captain, inspectors, lieutenants, sergeants, patrolmen, and reservemen, who shall rank in the order above-named; matrons, clerks, and employees, to such number as the needs of the service may require.

"Officers of the same grade will take precedence according to the date of their warrants. Where two or more officers of the same grade are appointed on the same day, the man first named in the order of appointment shall be the ranking officer."

II. General Order No. 637, establishing the office of Examiner of Claims and promoting Capt. William H. Dyer to be Examiner of Claims, is by this order revoked.

III. In the matter of the complaint made by G. Stevens against Lieut. John B. Rosatto, of Division 1, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, the Board finds the said Lieutenant Rosatto not guilty and orders the complaint to be dismissed.

IV. In the matter of the complaint made against Lieut. Frederick J. Smith, of Division 6, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, the Board finds the said Lieutenant Smith not guilty and orders the complaint to be dismissed.

OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES CAST FOR MAYOR OF BOSTON AT THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION,
DECEMBER 12, 1899.

Wards.	Precinct 1.			Precinct 2.			Precinct 3.			Precinct 4.			Precinct 5.			Precinct 6.			Precinct 7.			Precinct 8.			Precinct 9.			Totals.					Totals for all Mayorality Candidates.	Wards.								
	Patrick A. Collins.	Thomas N. Hart.	John W. Sherman.	James F. Stevens.	Thomas N. Hart.	John W. Sherman.	James F. Stevens.	Patrick A. Collins.	Thomas N. Hart.	John W. Sherman.	James F. Stevens.	Patrick A. Collins.	Thomas N. Hart.	John W. Sherman.	James F. Stevens.	Patrick A. Collins.	Thomas N. Hart.	John W. Sherman.	James F. Stevens.	Patrick A. Collins.	Thomas N. Hart.	John W. Sherman.	James F. Stevens.	Patrick A. Collins.	Thomas N. Hart.	John W. Sherman.	James F. Stevens.	Scattering.	S. L. Stevens,	John W. Sherman, D.S.N.P.	James F. Stevens,	Scattering.										
1.....	61	228	2	1	36	302	4	85	352	1	1	53	339	2	2	123	277	2	4	249	142	5	5	201	292	2	2	263	228	2	6	50	132	1,091	2,292	16	28	3,427	1			
2.....	284	152	8	5	199	113	6	5	256	163	1	1	273	127	10	7	237	103	3	4	230	159	3	2	367	101	6	5	347	152	16	4	...	...	2,183	1,070	53	32	3,338	2		
3.....	96	274	2	1	276	204	4	3	195	202	6	2	387	150	1	1	306	177	4	1	263	120	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,523	1,127	21	10	2,681	3		
4.....	209	181	4	2	78	212	2	...	156	262	3	4	226	154	4	4	238	136	2	3	137	158	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,044	1,103	17	16	2,180	4		
5.....	104	268	3	...	248	204	1	2	292	128	2	2	161	146	3	3	258	187	5	5	205	141	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,268	1,074	20	13	2,375	5		
6.....	241	101	...	1	337	119	4	3	264	161	5	4	254	119	4	5	275	187	4	5	72	173	3	5	266	156	8	5	246	76	2	3	...	...	1,955	1,092	30	31	3,108	6		
7.....	122	143	1	4	156	205	7	2	191	172	5	7	80	167	5	2	331	120	2	6	271	129	3	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,151	936	23	27	2,137	7		
8.....	413	87	18	11	244	160	12	9	101	250	9	3	367	158	26	9	387	146	36	18	366	187	15	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,878	988	116	59	3,041	8			
9.....	290	149	19	12	299	158	7	9	393	47	9	7	278	179	9	13	152	235	4	6	113	184	1	6	309	155	10	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,834	1,107	59	55	3,055	9		
10.....	142	108	6	6	93	204	3	1	56	181	4	4	33	215	3	2	33	166	1	2	56	247	4	1	90	361	...	1	107	369	9	1	63	218	...	2,069	30	18	2,700	10		
11.....	92	253	1	6	126	224	3	5	158	215	...	2	180	241	1	...	101	204	1	...	63	189	...	...	66	275	...	1	97	200	...	...	47	276	930	2,087	7	14	3,039	11		
12.....	88	299	2	2	71	303	3	3	143	185	4	...	137	285	3	3	108	250	6	4	289	238	10	8	288	162	4	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,124	1,722	32	26	2,904	12		
13.....	323	89	5	6	324	87	3	5	321	68	2	2	338	86	7	...	283	107	2	9	218	111	6	5	324	91	2	5	247	95	6	6	...	...	2,378	734	33	38	3,183	13		
14.....	419	181	4	7	422	97	12	11	215	135	7	4	160	206	3	9	174	266	6	7	163	230	5	2	250	234	5	7	219	239	4	3	...	...	2,022	1,588	46	50	3,706	14		
15.....	127	106	1	4	278	105	5	8	234	127	...	7	197	149	9	4	234	165	4	4	137	207	1	4	187	198	4	10	184	188	...	9	...	...	1,578	1,245	24	50	2,897	15		
16.....	175	173	1	12	267	173	5	6	276	262	2	8	132	347	9	1	139	268	4	2	62	340	3	...	310	254	7	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,361	1,817	31	33	3,242	16		
17.....	228	119	1	2	237	106	5	4	147	207	3	4	180	272	7	2	221	132	4	1	195	119	9	5	261	132	4	3	268	245	8	7	152	226	4	2	1,889	1,558	45	30	3,522	17
18.....	296	183	4	12	270	164	7	15	178	283	4	10	243	290	13	13	436	161	6	7	335	237	6	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,758	1,318	40	68	3,184	18		
19.....	268	146	6	10	243	138	1	10	409	97	4	12	328	127	7	11	206	146	5	7	256	174	6	10	401	188	7	9	319	160	14	19	...	...	2,430	1,176	50	88	3,744	19		
20.....	214	382	4	5	248	375	5	3	213	269	2	...	288	187	6	3	243	394	6	5	158	493	5	6	158	420	5	4	127	444	6	5	...	...	1,649	2,964	39	31	4,683	20		
21.....	126	281	8	3	214	244	7	4	121	172	5	4	124	304	3	4	161	263	5	4	105	310	5	2	242	288	1	4	156	367	1	4	162	332	1,411	2,561	42	29	4,043	21		
22.....	248	408	18	14	294	178	16	21	274	111	6	9	136	344	7	19	174	291	24	30	58	300	5	10	88	341	5	1	218	267	8	18	...	...	1,490	2,240	89	122	3,941	22		
23.....	111	201	1	2	279	148	1	1	247	139	11	9	203	231	3	4	169	374	14	11	64	409	7	11	67	296	5	6	64	345	1	1	116	143	1,320	2,286	45	50	3,701	23		
24.....	222	206	1	3	168	239	2	6	168	376	5	4	145	271	4	1	112	285	4	2	155	257	1	4	129	410	1	4	189	463	5	10	154	302	1,442	2,809	26	42	4,319	24		
25.....	135	335	5	2	87	368	4	1	65	304	4	2	222	160	9	6	214	221	3	3	179	297	5	2	273	190	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,175	1,875	33	18	3,101	25		
Grand totals.....																																	38,557	40,838	967	978	1	81,341				

Proportion of men registered who voted for Mayor, 79.07 per cent.

D., signifies Democratic; R., Republican; D. S. N. P., Democratic Social Nomination Paper; S. L., Socialist Labor.

* Elected.

LINUS E. PEARSON,
TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,
GEORGE P. SANGER,
JOHN H. DONOVAN,
Board of Election Commissioners.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, November 13, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending November 11, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	7	4	
2...	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	
4...	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	2	8	2	
5...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
6...	1	6	1	-	-	-	12	5	2	19	
7...	-	2	-	-	-	-	11	4	1	43	
8...	-	2	-	1	-	-	5	2	5	12	
9...	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	3	3	24	
10...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	16	
11...	2	1	-	1	1	-	2	7	15	42	
12...	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	25	
13...	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	2	-	8	
14...	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	7	
15...	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	3	
16...	2	1	2	-	-	1	4	5	3	5	
17...	2	1	-	-	11	-	1	-	1	7	
18...	1	2	2	-	-	-	4	-	1	4	
19...	5	2	1	-	-	-	6	1	7	10	
20...	6	2	-	-	-	1	4	3	11	22	
21...	9	-	-	-	2	-	1	9	6	15	
22...	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	3	
23...	4	1	1	-	-	-	1	3	2	4	
24...	1	3	2	-	-	1	3	5	5	11	
25...	4	6	1	-	-	8	2	7	4	5	
T'ls.	43	38	10	2	15	12	78	63	97	293	

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, December 26, 1899.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending December 23, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	117
Number of discharges of mortgages	16
Number of assignments of mortgages	3
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	1
Number of bills of sale	5
Number of assignments of wages	62
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	6
Number of married women's certificates	10

The following accident notices have been filed:

December 19—H. H. Davis, personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in sidewalk at 92 Court street. Jeanette M. McIntyre, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in sidewalk at 420 Sumner street, East Boston. Marie Hilton, personal injuries caused by an

alleged defect in sidewalk in Huntington avenue, near Oxford terrace.

December 23—Daniel E. Hennessey, personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in sidewalk at 220 Friend street. John McDonald, personal injuries caused by projecting branch of a tree at 69 Franklin street.

William C. Brackett has filed a petition, praying that damages and compensation be allowed him for damages to his property on Causeway and Endicott streets, caused by the lowering and changing of the grade.

JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, December 23, 1899.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending December 23 as follows:

John J. McCarthy has been approved of as senior ladderman of Combination Company 6.

Fire-alarm Box 211 has been moved to the corner of Shawmut avenue and Sterling street.

Box 332 has been moved to the east end of Cushing avenue.

There have been purchased of Welch & Hall two horses for \$143.33 each, one for \$150; and one of L. H. Brockway for \$140.

The following transfers have been made:

William H. Harkins, Engine Company 1 to Engine Company 38-39; William Hall, Engine Company 38-39 to Ladder Company 16; Cornelius Donovan, Ladder 16 to Engine Company 1; J. B. Akerly, Engine Company 38-39 to Combination Company 3; Edward J. McIntyre, Combination Company 3 to Engine 38-39; F. I. Adams, Tower Company 2 to Ladder Company 3; James Mahoney, Ladder Company 3 to Tower Company 2.

Lieut. Irving Sparks has been promoted to the position of captain, and Hosemen Joseph A. Kelley and Walter S. Eaton to the positions of lieutenant.

There have been ordered of the C. Callahan Company 2,000 feet of jacket hose, without couplings, at 65 cents a foot; of the American Fire Hose Company 2,000 feet of hose at 70 cents per foot, and of the C. T. Holloway Company one combination ladder and chemical engine at \$1,650.

Ordered, That, owing to his inability to properly command a company Capt. John I. Quigley of Combination Company 6 be, and he hereby is, reduced to the ranks, and transferred to Engine Company 24.

B. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, December 11, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work of this Department for the two weeks ending December 9, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISION.

Inspections made	777
Defects reported	60
Defects corrected	46
Feet of dead wire removed	10,400
Feet of dead wire retained	200
Notices of new work received	37
Fixtures removed	23
Toles set	15

The Department employees responded to a four alarm fire from Box 116, at 8.20 A.M., December 10, fire at lumber wharf, 350 to 400 Albany street. At the request of this Department the wires and transformer were cut from the circuit by employees of the Boston Electric Light Company.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company's pole locations have been approved on Brewer, Waumbek, Ruthven and Crawford streets, Dorchester.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections	508
Notices of new work received	263

The temporary wiring at the various theatres has been inspected.

Investigation has been made in reference to the fire which occurred in one of the Tremont-street show windows of Messrs. Houghton & Dutton's store December 2, which was reported as due to electric wires. The results of the investigation showed that the fire was not due to any defect in electric wiring or appliances.

The proposed underground service connections were located and approved for the Boston Electric Light Company at the subway, Travers street, and Nos. 3 and 11 Devonshire street.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	7
Building connections	27
Lamp connections	6
Pole connections	22
Repairs	4

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	36
Building connections	31
Lamp connections	8
Repairs	11
Cable drawings	30

An investigation has been made of the accident to Mr. Charles L. Kessler, an employee of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, who was severely burned about the face and arms, and knocked down by the force of the explosion December 8, as a result of the accidental ignition of illuminating gas which had collected in the Edison manhole on Pearl street, opposite High street.

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	4,557
Feet of duct laid	19,753
Feet of cable drawn in	48,473
Service connections made	47
Manholes built	16

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Boston and Albany Railroad, held December 27, 1899, the proposition to lease the road to the New York and Hudson River Railroad Company was ratified by a majority vote of 170,681 shares.

On November 1, 1899, the total money in circulation was \$1,963,716,148, and on December 1, \$1,985,930,964, an increase of \$22,214,816 in the month.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

The following circular to departments has been issued by the Mayor:

Circular 1.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

Boston, Mass., January 1, 1900.

TO THE DEPARTMENTS:

You are requested to report, not later than January 4, any department necessities of which the undersigned should be informed, especially whether you have enough money on hand to carry you to the end of the fiscal year without leaving current bills to be paid from next year's appropriation. In the case of bills and other liabilities that should be paid, and cannot be paid, from your allowance for the current fiscal year, the number and amount of such bills or similar liabilities should be reported. State all your liabilities for which there is not a full appropriation. (Revised Ordinances, Chapter 3, Section 25.)

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH HASTINGS.

Mr. Joseph Hastings, a former member of the Boston police force, died at his home, 1 Hestia park, Roxbury, on Saturday, December 30, 1899.

Mr. Hastings was one of the oldest residents of the Roxbury District, being nearly eighty-five years of age. His connection with the police force began in 1858, when he was appointed a member of the Roxbury force. In 1866 Mr. Hastings was made City Marshal of Roxbury, in which position he served until that city was annexed to Boston in 1868. He then took charge of the Roxbury end of the new Department until Division 9 was created, when he became a lieutenant, afterwards, in 1873 being appointed a captain. He remained in charge of Division 9 until the reorganization of the Department in 1878, when he was made assistant inspector of carriages, retaining that position until 1893, when he was retired from active duty.

DEATH OF MR. EDMUND B. MYERS.

The death of Mr. Edmund B. Myers, formerly a member of the Boston police force, occurred at his home, 227 Roxbury street, Wednesday, December 27, 1899.

Mr. Myers was a native of Boston, fifty-four years of age and a veteran of the Civil War. He was appointed a member of the police force in 1869 and assigned to special duty at Station 4. On the reorganization of the Department he was transferred to Station 10 where he remained until 1886. In May of that year he severed his connection with the police force and had since been engaged in private detective work.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending December 30, 1899, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	22.3
Death rate for corresponding week, 1898	21.6
Number of deaths:	
Males	117
Females	115
Total	232
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1898	220
Increase	12

Of the 232 decedents, 227 were white and 5 colored; 158 were born in the United States, 67 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 7 was unknown; 48 were of American parentage, 160 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 24 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	88	11
Scarlatina	65	6
Typhoid fever	14	3
Measles	55	1
Totals	222	21

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	19
Pneumonia	37
Whooping Cough	1
Heart disease	25
Bronchitis	14
Marasmus	6
Violent causes	12
Total from principal causes	114
Total from infectious diseases	21
Total from other causes	97
Total from all causes	232

Deaths of children under 1 year	54
Deaths of children under 5 years	75
Deaths of persons over 60 years	2
Deaths in public institutions	55

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS FOR DECEMBER.

The following is a summary showing the number of transfers of real estate and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of December, 1899, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 656; total number of mortgages, 597; total amount of mortgages, \$3,216,700.

District.	Number of Transfers.
Boston	174
South Boston	40
East Boston	38
Roxbury	75
Dorchester	189
West Roxbury	77
Brighton	40
Charlestown	23
Total	656

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS DURING 1899.

The following is a summary showing the number of transfers of real estate and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the year 1899, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 7,668; total number of mortgages, 7,276; total amount of mortgages, \$41,732,981.

District.	Number of Transfers
Boston	1,913
South Boston	591
East Boston	581
Roxbury	1,110
Dorchester	1,992
West Roxbury	759
Brighton	417
Charlestown	305

Total 7,668

CITY CLERK PRO TEMPORE.

The following communication was received by the Common Council at its meeting on Thursday, December 28, 1899:

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.

City Hall, December 27, 1899.

TO THE HONORABLE COMMON COUNCIL:

You are hereby respectfully notified that John M. Galvin was this day appointed as City Clerk pro tempore by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen, under the authority contained in Section 32 of Chapter 448 of the Acts of 1854.

Attest: DAVID F. BARRY, Chairman.

MAYOR'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

The inaugural address of Mayor Hart has been printed as a public document. Appended to the address are statements from the various departments of the city concerning their organization, operation and needs.

Advertisements.**CITY OF BOSTON.**

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

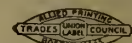
January 2, 1900.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Walk Hill street, at West Roxbury, be relocated, from South street to Washington street, as a highway, and that said relocation of Walk Hill street be constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the seventeenth day of January, 1900, and the office of this Board, as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.



THE CITY RECORD.

OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



Volume III.

BOSTON, THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1900.

Number 2.

EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY.

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CALL FOR MEETING OF COMMON COUNCIL.

The following call for a meeting of the Common Council has been issued by the Mayor:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 9, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: Under St. 1854, Ch. 448, Sec. 46, you are hereby requested to assemble in the Common Council Chamber, in City Hall, on Thursday, January 11, 1900, at 7 P.M., to hold a meeting of the Common Council, and to transact such business as may lawfully come before you.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF THE GOVERNOR.

Following are extracts from the Inaugural Address of Governor Crane, delivered before the Legislature of Massachusetts, January 4, 1900.

The gross debt of the State is divided into two classes — the indebtedness for which the whole State is directly liable, and the indebtedness for the payment of which certain cities and towns are liable. These two classes of indebtedness may be described for convenience as the actual State debt and the contingent debt. From each of these classes of indebtedness must be deducted the accumulations in the sinking-funds applicable to them, in order to show the net actual State debt and the net contingent debt. The details are as follows:

GROSS DEBT — ACTUAL AND CONTINGENT.

The gross debt in detail January 1, 1900, was as follows:

Abolition of grade crossings loan, due 1929	\$8,000,000
Armory loan, due 1927	1,460,000
Fitchburg Railroad securities loan, due 1913	5,000,000
Harbor improvement loan, due 1937	500,000
Massachusetts Hospital for Consumptives loan, due 1925	172,500
Massachusetts Hospital for Epileptics loan, due 1925	245,000
Massachusetts war loan, due 1928 (Spanish war)	1,135,000
Medfield Insane Asylum loan, due 1927	1,025,000
Metropolitan parks loan, due 1939, Metropolitan parks loan, series two, due 1939	6,725,000
Metropolitan sewerage loan, due 1930	2,700,000
Metropolitan sewerage loan (high level), due 1939	6,130,000
Metropolitan sewerage loan, Neponset system, due 1936	1,000,000
Metropolitan water loan, due 1939, State highway loan, due 1929	860,000
State House loan, due 1901	20,000,000
State House construction loan, due 1918	2,700,000
State House construction loan, Memorial Hall, due 1916	2,335,000
State House construction loan, Bulfinch front, due 1916	3,225,000
	250,000
	375,000

Total gross debt \$63,837,500

THE TOTAL ACTUAL STATE DEBT.

The total actual State debt is made up of the following loans:

Abolition of grade crossings loan	\$8,000,000
Harbor improvement loan	500,000
Massachusetts Hospital for Consumptives loan	172,500
Massachusetts Hospital for Epileptics loan	245,000
Massachusetts war loan	1,135,000
Medfield Insane Asylum loan	1,025,000
Metropolitan parks loan, series two, State highway loan	1,350,000
Four State House loans	2,700,000
	6,185,000

Total actual State debt \$21,312,500

It will be observed that the largest loan in the total actual State debt is \$8,000,000, for the abolition of grade crossings. In the beginning the Commonwealth's share in the expense was limited to \$500,000 per annum, but by subsequent legislation this provision was repealed, and a limit of \$5,000,000 was established as the total indebtedness which the State can assume at one time for grade crossing purposes. One exception has been made to this rule. When the great work of abolishing the grade crossings on the Providence Division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, in Boston, Hyde Park and Dedham, was undertaken, the Legislature passed a special act, authorizing the Commonwealth to exceed the \$5,000,000 limit by an extra issue of bonds to the amount of \$3,000,000. This explains the total issue of \$8,000,000.

The next largest item is \$6,185,000, for the construction of the extension of the State House and for the preservation of the Bulfinch front.

The harbor improvement loan of \$500,000 is the Commonwealth's contribution in aid of the development of the commerce of the Port of Boston. Of this loan, \$400,000 has been appropriated to build a pier and dock on the Commonwealth's property at South Boston, and \$100,000 to purchase a portion of the foreshore of the harbor at East Boston.

Of the Metropolitan parks loan, series two, \$2,700,000, issued for the building of boulevards and roadways, one-half, namely, \$1,350,000, is assessed upon the State at large, the other half upon the cities and towns in the Metropolitan parks district.

From the total actual State debt, \$21,312,500, is to be deducted, to ascertain the net actual State debt, the sums which have accumulated in the various sinking-funds pledged to the payment of the loans enumerated. The sinking-funds applicable to the total actual State debt are:

Abolition of grade crossings loan	\$683,805 40
Harbor improvement loan	59,682 07
Massachusetts war loan	24,393 25
Medfield Insane Asylum loan	212,367 74
Prison and hospital loan	30,014 82
State highway loan	260,517 62
Four State House loans	3,172,549 06

Total \$4,443,329 96

Deducting \$4,443,329.96, the accumulations in the sinking-funds, from the total actual State debt, \$21,312,500, the net actual State debt is found to be \$16,869,170.04.

The net actual State debt for five years is as follows, from which the rate of increase can be seen:

January 1, 1896	\$6,140,380 10
January 1, 1897	10,766,648 03
January 1, 1898	12,462,378 82
January 1, 1899	14,698,964 24
January 1, 1900	16,869,171 04

THE TOTAL CONTINGENT DEBT.

The total contingent debt is as follows:

Armory loan	\$1,460,000
Fitchburg Railroad securities loan,	5,000,000
Metropolitan parks loans	8,075,000
Metropolitan sewerage loans	7,990,000
Metropolitan water loan	20,000,000

Total contingent debt \$42,525,000

The interest and sinking-fund requirements for the armory loan are assessed upon the cities in which the armories are located, namely, Boston (2), Worcester, Lowell, Fitchburg, Lawrence, Lynn, Springfield and Fall River.

As the Commonwealth derives no income from the 50,000 shares of common stock of the Fitchburg Railroad Company, those shares have not been carried on the books of the Treasurer and Receiver-general as an asset.

The remaining loans enumerated in the contingent debt are to be paid from assessments levied on the cities and towns in the Metropolitan parks, sewerage and water districts.

The accumulations in the sinking-funds applicable to the payment of the total contingent debt are:

Armory loan	\$408,418 70
Fitchburg Railroad securities loan	5,000,000 00
Metropolitan parks loans	393,015 16
Metropolitan sewerage loans	361,416 59
Metropolitan water loan	1,349,332 97

Total \$7,512,183 42

Deducting the \$7,512,183.42 in the sinking-funds from the amount of the total contingent debt, \$42,525,000, the net contingent debt is found to be \$35,012,816.58. Of this debt \$33,961,235.28 is to be assessed on the cities and towns in the Metropolitan water, sewer and parks districts.

The lesson which the figures of this debt statement teach is that Massachusetts has reached a limit of indebtedness beyond which she should not go. It is time to call a halt. In looking over these items, it will be found in almost every instance that the object is a worthy one, and I have no doubt the Commonwealth has received full value for the moneys expended. The question for us to consider, however, is not the propriety of past expenditures, but to take heed of the conditions which now confront us. The Commonwealth needs a breathing spell for financial recuperation. This is doubly true of the Metropolitan district.

The cities and towns in that district are just beginning to feel the burdens in the way of taxation which the great enterprises undertaken for their benefit have thrown upon them. It was necessary that there should have been an increased water supply, improved drainage and sanitation, and it was a wise foresight that projected the great parks that now adorn the Metropolitan district; but the time has come when no new work in these directions should be authorized. I recommend that a stop be made at once to the authorization of expenditures for new work in this district. I cannot too

strongly urge this matter upon your attention. Rigid economy must be exercised in appropriations and expenditures.

THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT.

Satisfactory progress has been made in the operations of the Metropolitan Water Board. The waters of the south branch of the Nashua river, which have been made available by the new works constructed by the Board, and the Cochituate and Sudbury supplies, formerly belonging to the City of Boston, were found sufficient to meet the demands of the Metropolitan water district, notwithstanding the excessive drought of the past year. The result, however, has shown that the operations of the Board were begun and brought to their present stage none too soon. The yield of water in the watersheds during the four warmer months of 1899 was so small that, had not the additional supply been utilized by the new works, various portions of the Metropolitan water district would have suffered severely from the scarcity of water.

The Town of Arlington has been admitted into the district, which now comprises eight cities and eight towns, besides the Town of Swampscott, which though outside of the district as established, is supplied with water. The population of the district as now constituted is nearly one-third of the population of the State. Including the cities and towns comprised and the other municipalities made eligible for admission under the terms of the act, the district would contain a population of 1,100,000.

The Metropolitan park loans are to be repaid to the Commonwealth by a sinking-fund made up of annual payments by the thirty-seven cities and towns constituting the Metropolitan parks district, according to an apportionment to be made every five years, beginning in 1900, by a special commission to be appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court. From this arrangement is excepted one-half of the loan known as series two, namely, \$1,350,000, which is to be paid by the Commonwealth. In the payment of the Nantasket Beach loan of \$600,000, the Town of Cohasset is joined to the cities and towns which constitute the Metropolitan parks district.

The total amount assessable on these cities and towns is \$8,075,000. The assessment each year must be provided by appropriation made by the Legislature, to be included in the annual State tax of the cities and towns liable to make payment. Beginning this year, then, the cities and towns in the Metropolitan parks district will begin to discharge the debt they have assumed for the establishment and maintenance of this great park system.

From the loans issued on Metropolitan parks account there remains at present in the hands of the Treasurer and Receiver-general \$2,142,888.91. I am advised by the Commission that this balance will all be required to pay for lands taken or in process of taking and for work of construction now decided upon.

By act of the Legislature the time for beginning payments for Metropolitan parks expenditures has been once postponed; but, with the work of acquirement so nearly completed, there seems now to be no good reason why payments into the sinking-fund should not begin this year. If the required pay-

ments are found to be too severe an annual tax, an extension of the number of years during which payment shall be made would appear to be the remedy, rather than a further postponement of the time for beginning to make the payments.

The three large Metropolitan sewerage systems (North, Charles river and Neponset valley) are now fully completed. The cost of construction of these systems to September 30, 1899, is as follows: North system, \$5,262,397.68; Charles river, \$787,134.27; Neponset valley, \$840,444.73. It is believed that the balances of the appropriations now to the credit of these systems will fully pay all liabilities incurred, except possibly such sums as may eventually be recovered in cases now pending in court for damages for land taken for sewer purposes.

The high-level sewer, authorized by the Legislature of 1899, to relieve the Charles river and Neponset valley sewers, is the only remaining work of construction in the hands of the Commission. It is believed that no further appropriation will be required for the construction of this sewer.

BOSTON HARBOR.

The growing commerce of the Port of Boston requires greatly increased facilities. The State, through its Harbor and Land Commission, has spent large sums of money in deepening the inner harbor, and is now building a pier and dock at South Boston suitable for the largest steamships. The channels already planned by the National Government are not adequate to accommodate properly the large steamships now building, and Congress should be called upon by the Legislature to provide for the harbor of Boston channels well buoyed and lighted, not less than 1,200 feet wide and 35 feet deep at mean low water from its wharves to the sea.

MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION.

I renew the recommendation of my predecessor, in opposition to the tendency to appeal to the Legislature to interfere in municipal affairs. Cities and towns should be let alone, to work out their own municipal problems. It is in the end no kindness to them to be granted authority by the Commonwealth to assume financial burdens which are prohibited by general laws. A wiser policy would be to compel them to live within their means, the Legislature interposing its superior authority only when it is clear that an extraordinary exigency exists.

EXAMINATION FOR KINDERGARTEN CERTIFICATES.

Candidates for Kindergarten certificates will be examined on Friday and Saturday, January 26 and 27, 1900, in the Chamber of the School Committee building, Mason street. The examination will begin on Friday at 9 o'clock A.M. Attendance will be required each day. To be admitted to this examination a candidate must be a graduate of a Boston Normal School, or a graduate of a State Normal School in Massachusetts, or a college graduate who has completed a satisfactory course of study in pedagogy, or have had one year's experience in teaching school.

MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE OF 1900.

The one hundred and twenty-first General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts convened at the State House on Wednesday, January 3, 1900.

The members-elect of the Senate assembled in the Senate Chamber at 11 o'clock, and the oaths of office were administered by Governor Wolcott. The Senate organized by the election of George E. Smith, of Everett, President; Henry D. Coolidge, of Concord, Clerk; John G. B. Adams, of Lynn, Sergeant-at-arms, and Rev. Edmund Dowse, of Sherborn, Chaplain.

The members-elect of the House of Representatives assembled in the Representatives' Chamber at 11.10 o'clock. The Governor administered the oaths of office, and the House organized by the election of James J. Myers, of Cambridge, as Speaker; James W. Kimball, of Lynn, as Clerk, and Rev. Daniel W. Waldron, of Boston, as Chaplain. John G. B. Adams, of Lynn, was elected Sergeant-at-arms on the part of the House.

According to adjournment, the two branches of the General Court assembled in their respective chambers on Thursday, January 4, at 11 o'clock, and shortly afterwards reassembled in joint convention in the Representatives' Chamber. The President of the Senate administered the oaths of office to the Governor-elect and the Lieutenant-governor-elect, after which Governor Crane delivered his Inaugural Address (see page 13).

The joint convention was then dissolved, but again reassembled for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to the Councillors-elect.

The list of members of the General Court of 1900 from Boston is as follows:

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE.

District 1—Charles T. Witt, milk dealer, 52 White street, East Boston.

District 2—Peter F. Tague, agent, 47 Corey street, Charlestown.

District 3—Jeremiah E. Mahoney, liquors, 222 Commercial street.

District 4—John A. Keliher, correspondent, 65 Albion street.

District 5—Charles H. Innes, lawyer, 12 Haviland street.

District 6—John E. Baldwin, book-keeper, 383 West First street, South Boston.

District 7—William H. Lott, cigar-dealer, 13 Robin Hood street, Dorchester.

District 8—Arthur A. Maxwell, claims attorney, 252 Chestnut avenue, Jamaica Plain.

District 9—Leonard W. Ross, landscape architect, 85 Parsous street, Brighton.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Ward 1—A. Dudley Bagley, grocer, 601 Bennington street, East Boston; Hugh L.

Stalker, grocer, 85 Trenton street, East Boston.

Ward 2—James H. Donovan, produce dealer, 110 Porter street, East Boston; John J. Douglass, attorney-at-law, 128 Havre street, East Boston.

Ward 3—Jeremiah F. McCarthy, wines and spirits, 121 Bunker Hill street, Charlestown; Charles S. Sullivan, lawyer, 43 Decatur street, Charlestown.

Ward 4—Thomas H. Green, grocer, 75 Baldwin street, Charlestown; William E. Mahoney, caterer, 508 Medford street, Charlestown.

Ward 5—Arthur Harrington, lawyer, 37 Monument avenue, Charlestown; Martin P. Higgins, printing pressman, 35 Washington street, Charlestown.

Ward 6—Samuel H. Borofsky, real estate, 34 Parmenter street; Michael J. Donovan, clerk, 12 Unity street.

Ward 7—John L. Donovan, clerk, 51 Albany street; William T. A. Fitzgerald, lawyer, 258 Harrison avenue.

Ward 8—Edward J. Donovan, real estate and insurance, 45 McLean street; Francis J. Horgan, lawyer, 85 Chambers street.

Ward 9—John J. Gartland, jr., book-keeper, 101 Union Park street; Richard J. Hayes, life insurance, 304 Shawmut avenue.

Ward 10—Freeman O. Emerson, merchant, 36 Appleton street; William C. Parker, lawyer, 156 Huntington avenue.

Ward 11—Charles R. Saunders, lawyer, 72 Pinckney street; George S. Selfridge, lawyer, 198 Beacon street.

Ward 12—James F. Bliss, grocer and ship chandler, 189 West Brookline street; John H. Colby, lawyer, 1 Wellington street.

Ward 13—Michael J. Lydon, tobacconist, 349 West Fourth street, South Boston; Frederick C. Mahoney, clerk, 281 West Broadway, South Boston.

Ward 14—David J. Gleason, clerk, 106 Emerson street, South Boston; Michael J. Sullivan, lawyer, 27 M street, South Boston.

Ward 15—Daniel V. McIsaac, lawyer, 6 Leeds street, South Boston; William S. McNary, Secretary Democratic State Committee, 167 K street, South Boston.

Ward 16—Frederick W. Farwell, manufacturer, 44 Harvest street, South Boston; Arthur P. Russell, clerk, 42 Magnolia street, Dorchester.

Ward 17—John P. Lanergan, bottler, 58 Burrell street, Roxbury; John J. Mansfield, lawyer, 345 Dudley street, Roxbury.

Ward 18—Michael E. Gaddis, contractor, 162 Cabot street, Roxbury; James A. Watson, wine merchant, 8 Lindeu Park street, Roxbury.

Ward 19—William L. Mooney, real estate, insurance and mortgages, 130 Conant street, Roxbury; John E. Thomson, watchmaker and jeweller, 29 Terrace street, Roxbury.

Ward 20—Frank A. Foster, civil engineer and contractor, 16 Lindsey street, Dorchester; James Howell, freight claim agent, 15 Pearl street, Dorchester.

Ward 21—Melancthon W. Burlen, insurance, zinc and lead, 27 Waumbeck street, Roxbury; Temple A. Winsloe, coal-dealer, 14 Holborn street, Roxbury.

Ward 22—John Bleiler, provision-dealer, 54 Minden street, Jamaica Plain; Charles O. Engstrom, lawyer, 7 Copley street, Roxbury.

Ward 23—Thomas F. I. Curley, clothing, 3425 Washington street, West Roxbury;

John M. Minton, lawyer, 14A Hyde Park avenue, West Roxbury.

Ward 24—Fred C. Gilpatric, lawyer, 113 Richmond street, Dorchester; Harry B. Whall, real estate broker, 389 Ashmont street, Dorchester.

Ward 25—Austin Bigelow, constable, 3 Foster street, Brighton; William D. Wheeler, apothecary, 298 North Harvard street, Allston.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on February 6 and 7, 1900, an examination will be held in this and other cities where it has a Board of Examiners, for the position of local inspector of hulls, steamboat inspection service.

Information relative to the scope of this examination may be found in Section 122 of the Manual. Age limits, twenty-five to fifty-five years.

From the eligibles resulting from this examination, certification will be made to the position of local inspector of hulls at Evansville, Ind., at a salary of \$1,200 per annum.

The Commission also announces that on February 6 and 7, 1900, an examination will be held in this and other cities for the position of assistant physician, Government Hospital for the Insane.

The Department states that it desires eligibles who shall have at least five years' actual experience in a hospital or institution for treatment of the insane. Age limit, twenty years or over.

From the male eligibles resulting from this examination, certification will be made to the position of assistant physician, senior grade, in the Government Hospital for the Insane, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum.

These examinations are open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements. All such citizens are invited to apply. They will be examined, graded and certified, with entire impartiality and wholly without regard to any consideration save their ability as shown by the grade attained by them in their examination.

Persons desiring to compete should at once apply to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., or to E. E. Stebbins, Secretary Board of Civil Service Examiners, Room 141, Post Office building, Boston, Mass., for application blanks (Forms 304 and 375), which should be properly executed and filed with the Commission.

DEATH OF PATROLMAN SMALL.

The death of Patrolman Frederick C. Small of the Police Department occurred at his home 2 Hazel park, December 24, 1899.

Mr. Small was born at Deer Isle, Maine, in 1859, and was appointed a member of the police force of Boston in November, 1889.

OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES CAST FOR STREET COMMISSIONER OF BOSTON, MUNICIPAL ELECTION, DECEMBER 12, 1899.

Wards.	Precinct 1.			Precinct 2.			Precinct 3.			Precinct 4.			Precinct 5.			Precinct 6.			Precinct 7.			Precinct 8.			Precinct 9.			Totals.			Totals for all Candidates.	Wards.
	John H. Duane.	Edward A. Mason.	Edward W. Presho.	John H. Duane.	Edward A. Mason.	Edward W. Presho.	John H. Duane.	Edward A. Mason.	Edward W. Presho.	John H. Duane.	Edward A. Mason.	Edward W. Presho.	John H. Duane.	Edward A. Mason.	Edward W. Presho.	John H. Duane.	Edward A. Mason.	Edward W. Presho.	John H. Duane.	Edward A. Mason.	Edward W. Presho.	John H. Duane.	Edward A. Mason.	Edward W. Presho.	John H. Duane.	Edward A. Mason.	Edward W. Presho.	John H. Duane.	Edward A. Mason.	*Edward W. Presho.		
1	82	6 202	67	7 263	114	8 314	84	8 299	145	8 249	254	12 131	229	12 243	236	16 205	64	10 106	1,275	87	2,012	3,374		1								
2	271	18 152	197	14 109	246	6 166	266	13 122	233	9 92	218	9 147	358	10 105	348	14 147	...	...	2,137	93	1,040	3,270		2								
3	84	9 274	241	19 219	166	8 227	324	8 198	245	10 228	237	4 148	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,297	58	1,294	2,649		3								
4	184	9 194	75	7 203	150	7 255	187	8 187	238	6 132	116	8 170	...	...	...	...	...	...	950	45	1,141	2,136		4								
5	104	6 257	220	8 217	212	8 187	117	10 176	205	10 237	143	6 188	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,001	48	1,262	2,311		5								
6	217	4 94	314	11 104	256	10 149	244	6 103	229	22 179	74	8 168	224	22 150	242	17 64	...	...	1,800	100	1,011	2,911		6								
7	125	7 126	232	13 93	196	14 146	73	10 152	325	19 83	276	30 89	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,227	93	689	2,009		7								
8	375	28 165	221	28 170	99	10 246	340	33 164	333	48 170	335	38 187	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,708	185	1,042	2,935		8								
9	269	37 142	284	22 147	367	25 47	267	27 162	142	14 223	111	15 171	312	14 124	...	...	...	...	1,752	154	1,016	2,922		9								
10	131	11 108	88	7 197	55	7 179	42	11 199	41	4 154	62	8 231	88	3 351	112	13 359	62	4 214	681	68	1,992	2,741		10								
11	98	8 244	121	11 206	155	8 211	169	6 242	121		185	69	1 188	80	1 254	92		200	76	2 246	981	37	1,976	2,994		11						
12	86	5 296	85	11 284	149	5 171	133	15 270	106	12 240	290	21 216	261	17 142	...	...	...	...	1,110	86	1,619	2,815		12								
13	280	15 86	286	15 74	262	11 78	306	13 79	264	16 108	201	12 110	290	16 77	228	12 87	...	...	2,117	110	699	2,926		13								
14	403	17 163	408	25 84	208	18 137	159	11 204	173	14 264	164	14 209	246	18 218	197	14 241	...	...	1,958	131	1,520	3,609		14								
15	123	12 99	272	16 105	230	14 124	192	14 153	223	16 165	135	8 200	170	23 192	182	23 171	...	...	1,527	126	1,209	2,862		15								
16	179	23 153	268	14 160	283	22 233	136	18 330	144	13 252	91	3 301	319	10 219	...	...	...	...	1,420	103	1,648	3,171		16								
17	231	6 101	232	15 97	151	8 196	179	7 272	219	17 116	217	20 86	264	10 111	282	18 210	161	13 213	1,936	114	1,402	3,452		17								
18	295	18 158	265	32 138	168	24 276	255	31 254	430	43 135	338	14 224	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,751	162	1,185	3,098		18								
19	264	20 126	245	26 119	389	24 90	318	24 122	207	12 138	247	20 169	406	25 168	319	34 135	...	...	2,395	185	1,067	3,647		19								
20	206	25 374	265	14 350	229	4 247	308	15 157	271	16 352	196	20 434	163	13 412	162	19 395	...	...	1,800	126	2,721	4,647		20								
21	125	19 262	200	7 247	124	11 166	125	10 293	153	12 263	99	8 311	229	49 294	170	7 347	163	13 319	1,388	136	2,502	4,026		21								
22	257	32 381	297	39 153	280	19 98	149	28 317	187	48 256	75	16 283	116	6 308	226	36 245	...	...	1,587	224	2,041	3,852		22								
23	117	3 195	292	6 131	276	18 107	222	9 215	179	28 346	78	17 386	79	17 286	93	8 308	134	10 124	1,470	116	2,098	3,684		23								
24	221	16 180	172	16 220	194	12 342	175	18 226	131	4 266	179	4 226	154	9 373	207	26 431	191	12 256	1,624	117	2,520	4,261		24								
25	155	11 302	90	17 342	77	7 287	220	19 148	216	15 212	195	10 276	264	10 188	...	...	...	...	1,217	89	1,755	3,061		25								
Grand Total																									38,109	2,793	38,461	79,363				

D., signifies Democratic; S. L., Socialist Labor; R., Republican.
Proportion of men registered who voted, 77.15 per cent.

* Elected.

LINUS E. PEARSON,
TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,
GEORGE P. SANGER,
JOHN H. DONOVAN,
Board of Election Commissioners.

**OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES CAST (MEN AND WOMEN) FOR MEMBERS OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF BOSTON (THREE YEARS) AT THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION, DECEMBER 12, 1899.**

Wards.	Ferdinand Abrahams,* Democratic.	Willard S. Allen,* Ind. Women, Public School Asso., Rep.	Edward C. Baldwin,* Democratic.	Frederick S. Bennett, Ind. Women, Rep.	Augustine J. Bulger,* Democratic.	Francis L. Coolidge,* Ind. Women, Public School Asso., Dem.	Grafton D. Cushing,* Ind. Women, Public School Asso., Rep.	M. Ordway Daly, Ind. Women, Rep.	George A. O. Ernst, Ind. Women, Public School Asso., Rep.	Emily A. Fifield,* Ind. Women, Public School Asso., Dem., Rep.	Irvin McD. Garfield, Pub. School Asso.	Stephen A. Jennings, Democratic.	John W. Johnson, Socialist Labor.	James A. McDonald,* Rep., Dem.	Francis Meredith, Jr., Ind. Women, Public School Asso., Rep.	Joseph Santosuosso, Democratic.	William H. Sayward, Pub. School Asso.	Scattering.	Wards.
1	1,104	2,351	1,105	2,055	1,414	1,680	2,196	1,885	2,164	2,414	734	1,079	223	1,483	2,088	1,022	757	....	1
2	2,153	977	2,063	772	2,220	1,921	769	690	705	1,315	358	1,967	350	1,823	712	1,853	355	....	2
3	1,732	838	1,774	754	1,750	1,697	778	659	758	1,323	384	1,697	222	1,977	838	1,563	398	....	3
4	1,192	866	1,198	823	1,170	1,196	806	722	776	1,090	298	1,152	188	1,440	811	1,115	351	....	4
5	1,375	833	1,369	757	1,317	1,285	714	638	687	1,094	304	1,331	206	1,666	743	1,234	357	....	5
6	2,064	661	1,792	611	1,750	1,505	603	529	562	1,056	332	1,658	215	1,468	701	1,878	335	....	6
7	1,123	613	1,139	549	1,066	1,085	588	551	585	811	321	1,043	264	1,015	496	1,051	380	....	7
8	1,993	856	1,747	841	1,660	1,590	838	779	774	1,201	498	1,606	339	1,563	721	1,459	492	....	8
9	1,873	974	1,685	882	1,633	1,709	925	804	875	1,328	493	1,651	341	1,462	840	1,533	498	....	9
10	703	2,186	577	1,784	550	1,514	2,181	1,560	2,093	2,197	928	567	171	927	2,049	482	1,000	1	10
11	578	2,865	516	1,476	511	2,533	2,922	1,192	2,786	2,603	1,925	529	90	854	2,978	455	1,904	1	11
12	1,247	1,866	1,087	1,551	1,035	1,711	1,844	1,366	1,767	2,047	800	1,050	228	1,278	1,590	1,129	866	....	12
13	2,215	361	2,320	313	2,315	1,813	363	341	310	894	290	2,212	320	1,741	320	2,008	270	...	13
14	2,110	1,723	2,169	1,445	2,099	2,307	1,487	1,281	1,435	2,106	613	2,028	367	1,945	1,418	1,896	704	....	14
15	1,766	1,125	1,829	992	1,729	1,825	1,115	908	1,071	1,560	413	1,725	295	1,707	1,007	1,573	522	....	15
16	1,551	1,767	1,517	1,477	1,369	1,885	1,702	1,311	1,654	2,076	717	1,422	255	1,538	1,603	1,267	885	....	16
17	2,254	1,332	2,081	1,151	2,025	2,249	1,264	1,052	1,239	1,823	609	2,049	364	1,978	1,202	1,878	713	1	17
18	1,949	1,152	1,770	1,104	1,755	1,874	1,135	974	1,088	1,584	494	1,722	374	1,695	1,04	1,599	543	1	18
19	2,735	1,022	2,380	1,352	2,286	2,268	968	844	956	1,530	507	2,361	453	2,207	887	2,177	543	....	19
20	1,724	3,379	1,630	2,539	1,502	2,979	3,270	2,356	3,121	3,748	1,568	1,543	216	2,111	3,077	1,421	1,867	1	20
21	1,659	3,028	1,219	2,313	1,289	2,700	2,964	2,647	2,915	3,302	1,460	1,293	282	1,743	2,832	1,153	1,512	....	21
22	1,730	2,214	1,536	1,965	1,452	2,279	2,183	1,608	2,223	2,522	991	1,480	418	1,745	2,053	1,378	1,184	....	22
23	1,531	2,334	1,412	1,919	1,362	2,308	2,270	1,614	2,266	2,581	1,009	1,382	298	1,693	2,144	1,274	1,119	....	23
24	1,552	3,082	1,515	2,530	1,426	2,602	2,942	2,514	2,836	3,390	1,189	1,445	340	1,917	2,832	1,330	1,472	....	24
25	1,239	1,975	1,207	1,694	1,177	1,919	2,021	1,422	1,828	2,192	850	1,175	249	1,474	1,858	1,106	857	1	25
Totals . . .	40,943	40,185	38,777	33,639	37,942	48,434	38,778	29,767	37,474	48,127	18,165	37,237	7,118	40,450	36,847	34,834	19,884	6	

* Elected.

LINUS E. PEARSON,
TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,
GEORGE P. SANGER,
JOHN H. DONOVAN,
Board of Election Commissioners.

ASSESSING OF CERTAIN HARVARD COLLEGE BUILDINGS.

Following is the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of the President and Fellows of Harvard College vs. Assessors of Cambridge, affirming the decision of the Superior Court in a suit to recover back taxes assessed on various houses used for college purposes:

MORTON, J. This is an action to recover back taxes that were assessed by the defaultants on certain parcels of real estate belonging to the plaintiff corporation, situated in Cambridge, which the plaintiff contends were exempt from taxation under Public Statutes, Chapter 11, Section 5, clause 3, as amended by Statutes 1889, Chapter 465. The case was heard by a Justice of the Superior Court, without a jury, on what are agreed facts, but which we interpret as authorizing the Court to draw such inferences from them as we thought they justified, and he found that the property was exempt and found for the plaintiff for the entire amount, and reported the case to this Court in such a manner as to present the question of the assessability of each of the parcels.

We think that the ruling of the Superior Court was right, and that all of the property was exempt from taxation.

Many of the principles and considerations and authorities applicable to this case have been stated and referred to somewhat at length in *Trustees of Phillips Academy vs. Andover*, ante, and we do not deem it necessary to repeat them here.

The history of Harvard College and like institutions shows, we think, that from the beginning, dormitories and dining-halls have been furnished by the college for the use of the students and have been regarded as devoted to college purposes.

In addition to this, the effect of the decisions in *Wesleyan Academy vs. Wilbraham*, 99 Mass. 599, and *Mt. Herman Boys' School vs. Gill*, 148 Mass. 139, is plainly to exempt property applied to such uses. In also *Yale University vs. New Haven*, 71 Conn. 316, and *State vs. Ross*, 24 N. J. L. 497.

We do not think that it makes any difference in principle that the college, instead of itself furnishing board provides a place without rent or compensation in any form, or a lease or any agreement, for a fixed term for the use of students who club together for the purpose of obtaining for themselves, with the assistance of the College, food at cost. Property so used is occupied for the purposes for which the college was incorporated.

Many particulars are stated in the agreed facts in regard to No. 17 Kirkland street, which is the parcel that we are now considering, that we do not think it necessary to refer to, as it seems to be plain that the property is exempt from taxation.

The history of the college, and of the legislation relating to it also, shows, we think, that the President's home, during the earlier years of the college at any rate, was regarded as almost if not quite as necessary for the purpose of the institution as dormitories and dining-halls. Public money was appropriated by the General Court to build it, as it had been to build the college buildings, and the occupancy of it was con-

sidered as altogether official. The present home was built with funds given expressly for the purpose of erecting a dwelling-house for the President and his successors in office, and since it was built it has been occupied by them and their families. The President pays no rent or compensation for use and occupation of the house, and has no lease, but occupies it if he chooses, so long as he performs the duties of President. It, with several other of the houses that were taxed, namely, Nos. 11, 25 and 37 Quincy street, this being 17 Quincy street, are now and were at the time of the assessment within the college grounds, and the premises are kept in order and repair, including grading, graveling walks, fertilizing, and repairing and cleaning furnace, removal of ashes, etc., under the direction of the college superintendent of buildings and the superintendent of grounds, and at the college expense.

The whole lower floor, "except possibly the kitchen, is used for class day, commencement and other receptions, and for many hospitalities incident to the President's functions." The hall and drawing-room are also used for the convenience of the college and the President for meetings of the faculty and committees, for conferences with university officers and students, for calls on university business and for the annual meetings of the corporation at which degrees are voted. The rest of the house consists of the usual living and house-keeping rooms and chambers, and is used by the President and his family as a dwelling-house.

It seems to us that on these facts the dominant or principal purpose of the occupancy by the President cannot fairly be regarded than that for which the college was incorporated, and that the Justice of the Superior Court who heard the case was justified in so finding. His occupation is official as the head of the university, just as, for instance, the President of the United States occupies the "White House," and it cannot be said in any just sense, we think, that it is a private occupation for his own benefit.

The remaining six houses are occupied by professors, those of whom are deans each charged with a portion of the administrative duties formerly devolving exclusively on the President. Three of the houses, as already observed are within the college grounds. All of these are kept in order and repair at the expense of the college in the same manner and to the same extent as the house occupied by the President. The halls and drawing-rooms in all of them, except No. 37 Quincy street, occupied by Professor Langdell, are used, partly for the convenience of the college and partly for that of the professor for different college uses and purposes incident to his station as professor, chairman of committees, dean and the like. In the case of No. 11 Quincy street, the drawing-room and hall are used by the professor for regular college exercises during the college year. In the case of No. 16 Quincy street the professor is chairman of the Freshmen Advisers Committee of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, consisting of about twenty persons, and he has a great number of interviews in his drawing-room with students and parents. In the case of No. 25 Quincy street, the college in 1892 made additions and improvements at its own

expense so as to make it more convenient for the transaction of college business and the entertaining of guests on college account. The additions are used, as the drawing-room and hall are used, for different college purposes incident to the several duties of the occupying professor. The parts of the houses to which no reference has been made are used by the professors and their families and consist of the usual living and house-keeping rooms and chambers.

In the fall of the year when the salaries of the professors are voted they are fixed at certain sums "and the use of the house, \$750" or whatever the sum may be. Otherwise the professor pays no rent and has no other agreement for his use and occupation of the house, but uses it as such professor.

We think it was competent for the Justice of the Superior Court, who heard the case, to find on these facts that the principal or dominant consideration in regard to the occupation of the houses by the several professors had reference to the performance of their duties in the offices which they held as professors and otherwise, rather than to the private benefit which they would receive in the way of homes for themselves and their families, and that he was justified in finding that the occupancy was for the purpose for which the college was incorporated.

This case is distinguishable we think from *Williams College vs. Williamstown*, 167 Mass. 611. In the first place there was no question in that case as to the taxation of a building used for a dormitory and dining-hall for the students. In the next place the occupation by the professor in this case clearly lacks the exclusive character which it was held to have in that case. In the third place no such use for college purposes is shown to have been made of the house occupied by the professor in that case as appears in this case. In the fourth place the sums fixed as compensation for the use of the house in that case were paid and received as rent and the Court so treated it in the opinion.

In this case the sums fixed for the use of the houses were allowed as part of the compensation for services as professors, thus tending to show, as said in *Massachusetts General Hospital vs. Somerville* 101 Mass. 326, that "the occupation was one merely by reason of service" that the value put upon the use of the house was merely "a convenient mode of adjusting the compensation . . . and not the income or fruit of an estate granted." Lastly this case seems to be one where the buildings are occupied "with the permission of the college and without" the professors "having any estate therein or paying any rent therefor," in which case it was said in *River vs. Cambridge* 2 Camb. 611, the buildings would be exempt from taxation.

The defendant relies on *Third Congregational Society vs. Springfield*, 147 Mass. 396, which was a case where a parsonage was declared to be unexempt. The Court held that religious societies did not come within the clause that we have been considering, but within the seventh clause, and that the exemption was limited to houses of religious worship only. That case is not applicable to this.

We think that the judgment of the Superior Court should be affirmed.

So ordered.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS QUARTERLY CONFERENCE.

Boston, December 27, 1899.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Public Institutions Conference was held at Room 19, City Hall, Wednesday, December 27, 1899, at 3.30 o'clock.

Present: Mayor Quincy; Prof. William T. Sedgwick, Institutions Registrar; Mrs. Alice N. Lincoln and Mr. Ubert K. Pettingill, Pauper Institutions Trustees; Mr. Horatio A. Lamb and Mrs. George F. H. Murray, Trustees for Children; Mr. Thomas Sproules, of the Board of Overseers of the Poor; Dr. Henry C. Baldwin, of the Insane Hospital Trustees, and Mr. E. C. Marshall, Penal Institutions Commissioner.

Mr. Marshall, for the Penal Institutions, reported as follows:

So far as the Penal Institutions are concerned everything is going on well. The population at the present time is quite low; the lowest since 1893. The cause of the decrease is mainly the fact that times are better, and, possibly, that enlistments for the late war took away some of the rough element from the community. The new hospital building is boarded in, and work is going ahead with the electric lighting and steam heating as fast as possible.

Professor Sedgwick, of the Institutions Registration Department, submitted, through Mr. Marshall, the following report:

The work of the Institutions Registration Department since the last Quarterly Conference has been continued along the usual lines, with extensions in certain directions which are perhaps worthy of record.

At the request of the Pauper Institutions Trustees, the admissions to the Institutions under the charge of the latter are, for the present, placed in the hands of this Department, and at their request greater care than hitherto has been taken to make sure that those admitted shall be really either the sick or deserving poor. To this end, admission has been steadily refused to certain persons whose records in the possession of the Department show them to belong to the class of able-bodied vagrants, with the result that a considerable number of persons who would formerly have been admitted to the Pauper Institutions, have this autumn been refused admission. It is doubtless partly because of this fact that the population of Long Island is much lower than it was last year.

There is also reason to believe that the increased insistence on faithful labor among the inmates at Long Island, so far as they are able to supply it, is tending to make the Institutions placed there less popular as a winter resort for the vagrant and indolent. At any rate, whatever be the cause, the population of Long Island during the past three months has been, and now is, remarkably low.

It is the opinion of the Institutions Registrar that the assistance afforded in this case to a coördinated Department is only typical of that which might be extended in greater or less degree to the other related departments, and it is his earnest desire that the original intent of the statute establishing

"separate departments of the City of Boston for the care of children, paupers, insane persons and criminals," may in the future be more and more fully carried out, so that it shall not only investigate questions related to settlements, but also perform such other services, in relation to accounts and statistics, or admissions and discharges, as shall materially enhance the efficiency and coöperation of all the coördinated departments. One of the first steps to be taken in this direction is to establish in this Department a central bureau of registration and statistics, to which the departments concerned may be willing to contribute data, and from which they may expect to receive in return information and assistance. Before the time of the next Quarterly Conference it is hoped that some real progress towards making such relations effective may be recorded. The Registrar will welcome suggestions from any of the coördinated departments looking in these directions, and respectfully hopes that such suggestions may be forthcoming.

Mrs. Lincoln, for the Pauper Institutions Trustees, reported as follows:

On Monday, October 2, according to instructions received from the Mayor, a formal transfer of the Institutions' boat, "John Howard," was made to this Department. The "Howard" is, as formerly, run for the benefit of the three departments, but in order to more fully meet the convenience of the visiting staff of physicians, who are most faithful in their attendance at the Long Island Hospital, the direct care and management of the boat have been given in charge of this Board.

There have been few changes in the Charlestown Almshouse. The population there numbers about 100, and all of the inmates are in comparatively good health. New plumbing has been provided for both the men's and women's wards, and is a great addition to the cleanliness of the Institution. Other repairs are also in progress.

At Long Island a fire-drill has been established, and it is believed will prove a source of protection to the officers and inmates of the Institution.

The Hospital at Long Island is steadily increasing in value and efficiency. The full number of probationers and nurses in training is now counted as thirty, and there are five head-nurses, in addition to the superintendent and night superintendent. The working force in the hospital has been improved by the addition of a housekeeper, who superintends carefully all food and diets prepared. Two housemaids have also been employed to care for the wards and relieve the nurses from some of their more arduous duties. Every effort is made to improve the quality of the nursing and to place this hospital upon a level where it will compare favorably with any similar hospital in the State. The citizens of Boston cannot be too strongly urged to consider the value and necessity of this hospital for the city's chronic sick poor, who cannot be permanently cared for elsewhere. Probably no department of the Long Island Institution is more valuable than this, and it is the intention of the Trustees at an early date to divide the hospital expense account from the general expense account for maintaining the Pauper Institutions, in order that it may be clearly shown what it costs to maintain a good hospital of this character.

The two directions in which an increase in buildings is both necessary and desirable are in connection with the hospital. The need of a nurses' home is most urgent. Some of the nurses are at present accommodated in a cottage outside the hospital building, and even within its walls their accommodations are cramped and inadequate. For nurses engaged in the arduous duty of caring for the sick during many hours of the day and night, it has been proved conclusively that the best possible arrangement is to have them, when off duty, free to go to a building which shall be detached from the scene of their work.

A further need, and one which is even more imperative, is that there shall be a separate ward for tuberculosis patients, of whom there are at present forty-five in this hospital. The perils to which other patients in the same hospital are exposed from this class of patients are too well known to be enumerated, and it is hoped that if sufficient money can be provided to build a new male wing, one portion of this wing can be devoted to tuberculosis patients exclusively. Another feature greatly needed in the Long Island Hospital is the provision of more single rooms for isolating the cases of contagious disease, which from time to time occur. The need of additional accommodation for male patients has been repeatedly urged by the visiting staff and by the physicians in charge of the hospital.

It is gratifying to know that within the year the bill in payment for sick United States soldiers, cared for at the Long Island Hospital, has been approved by the Auditor of the War Department, and that the amount (\$2,225), when received, will be credited to the Pauper Department.

An effort has been made in the Long Island Institution to raise the quality of the service and promote a strong esprit de corps among the officers. Life on an island is at best more or less lonely for both officers and inmates, and too much cannot be done to arouse and stimulate the officers to an interest in their work. A piano has been provided from a special fund for the inmates of the women's building, and, through the kindness of the ladies of the Guild of St. Elizabeth, it is hoped that frequent concerts may be held there.

A further change, which for some time has been under contemplation, has been made by the Trustees. A matron has been placed in charge of the housekeeping of the men's building. The Trustees were fortunate in securing for this position the services of Mrs. Clark, wife of the Deputy Superintendent of Long Island, and a beneficial change resulting from her oversight of the men's building is already perceptible.

On November 20, the Chairman of the Board, Prof. William T. Sedgwick, announced that he found it impossible, owing to the pressure of other duties, to continue the work of the Board, and his resignation was accepted with much regret by the Trustees.

The question of a matron for the steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee" has been frequently discussed in this Department, and after several conferences with the Penal Institutions Commissioner, the Pauper Institutions Trustees decided to request the Commissioner to make some provision for a woman to serve in this capacity, it being difficult to

see how such a woman, appointed by one department, could satisfactorily serve under another. The Penal Institutions Commissioner has kindly consented to comply with this request.

With the completion of the new powerhouse at Long Island, the system of heating and ventilating the buildings will be more satisfactory than ever before.

It has been the constant endeavor of the Pauper Institutions Trustees, in cooperation with the Institutions Registration Department, to make the Almshouse and Hospital on Long Island what they are intended to be—a refuge for the poor and deserving of the City of Boston. To this end, great care has been taken in admitting applicants, and only those who have a suitable claim upon the city as its wards are now accepted. Probably no one thing will conduce more to the comfort of the aged and infirm poor than the elimination of numbers of the turbulent "rounder" class who have been too much in evidence in the past at Long Island.

It is interesting to see that the population has decreased very perceptibly this year, the total number of persons in the almshouse on December 26 being 627, of whom 211 are hospital patients. The average population at Long Island in December, 1895, was 666 persons; in 1896, 790; in 1897, 806, and in 1898, 770 persons. It will thus be seen that the figure given, namely 627, is the lowest for five years in this season.

Dr. Baldwin, for the Insane Hospital Trustees, made the following report:

The city has to-day 1,650 insane people under its care. Five hundred of these are taken care of at the Boston Insane Hospital and 1,150 are in State institutions.

The Boston Insane Hospital has lived within the appropriation of \$120,000 this year. The bills for the insane in State hospitals for this year have amounted to \$186,746.01; \$7,579 was paid for last year's bills. Our appropriation for this purpose was \$185,000; so that we have lived within our appropriation and paid off about \$6,000 worth of back bills. This was unexpected and due (1) to the new settlement law, by which about seventy people came under State care who had previously had Boston settlements; (2) to the fact that it was impossible to move at once the hundred patients necessary for the closing of the "A" building. The coming year we shall need a large appropriation for the insane in State institutions.

The new law regulating the hours of labor to eight will probably entail increased expense for salaries.

Mr. Lamb, for the Trustees for Children, made the following report:

On December 25 we had under our care 1,460 children. Of these, 200 were in the Parental School; boarded in families, 429; and 359 indentured; at the House of Reformation and Deer Island, 122; on probation at their homes, 148. At other institutions there are 85 for whom we pay board.

This afternoon our Board passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Marshall for his courtesy and assistance to us in relieving us of the care of some of our boys while rebuilding. Since we last met Mr. Sumner D. Seavey has been placed in charge of the House of Reformation. He is proving himself an excellent man. It has been necessary to do a great deal of work there. The buildings were in

a rotten condition. After getting our appropriation, we found that a great deal of work had to be done which we had not discovered when making our estimates. A great many of the beams were rotten, and much work had to be done at the Superintendent's house, but I think that we have kept well inside of our amount, and I am happy to say that we shall be able to take those boys back within two weeks. We have appointed a Mr. Phelan head-teacher or principal for the school. He has been engaged in this same work at the Concord Reformatory, and comes with the highest recommendation.

At the Parental School we have the same old story. We need buildings and land. We had a little sum of money that was intended to be used for grading the grounds, which were in very bad shape, and we used that for building two small wooden school-houses which have been of the greatest use to us, enabling us to take out boys from the two tents which we had previously provided. I think that these eight small school rooms that we have built will enable us to go on, but we need very much more room for our buildings.

Dr. Baldwin then said:

Mr. Mayor, it is now three and a half years since this conference was first started as your Honor's Advisory Committee, and I suppose this is the last meeting at which we shall have you present with us. I should like to say that it has given us great pleasure and happiness to have you with us, and your cooperation has been of great help to us in our work. I should like to move a vote of thanks to His Honor the Mayor for his kindness and courtesy in presiding over this conference.

The motion was put by Mr. Marshall and carried unanimously by standing vote.

E. C. MARSHALL, Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following order has been promulgated by the Board of Police:

January 2, 1900.

General Order No. 652.

In the matter of the complaint made by Mary H. Hanlon against Patrolmen James L. Hogsett, Frank W. Huckins, Richard F. Quirk, Patrick J. Chambers and Jeremiah O'Keefe, all of Division 4, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Conduct unbecoming officers.

(1.) That the said James L. Hogsett and Richard F. Quirk did on September 2, 1899, unlawfully arrest your complainant and falsely charged her with the crime of being a "common night-walker."

(2.) That the said James L. Hogsett and Richard F. Quirk did on September 2, 1899, unlawfully bring your complainant to a police station in the City of Boston, to wit: Station 4, and there caused her to be unlawfully detained and imprisoned, and there falsely charged her with the crime of being a "common night-walker."

(3.) That the said James L. Hogsett did appear before the Justices of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston, holden at said Boston, for the transaction of criminal business, on the fifth day of September, 1899, and did falsely charge your complainant with

being a "common night-walker," meaning that she habitually walked the streets for the purpose of prostitution, and on said fifth day of September, 1899, did sign and falsey swear to a complaint against your complainant, in which complaint she is named Nellie Hanlon, wherein your complainant, under said name of Nellie Hanlon, is falsely charged with habitually walking the streets for the purpose of prostitution, and with being a common night-walker.

(4.) That the said James L. Hogsett, Richard F. Quirk, Frank W. Huckins, Patrick J. Chambers and Jeremiah O'Keefe did appear before a Justice of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston, holden at Boston for the transaction of criminal business, on September 22 and 25, 1899, and gave evidence in support of the complaint, and said evidence was untrue and given with a view of convicting your complainant.

(5.) That the said James L. Hogsett, Richard F. Quirk, Frank W. Huckins, Patrick J. Chambers and Jeremiah O'Keefe, did appear before a Justice of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston, holden at Boston, for the transaction of criminal business, on September 22 and 25, 1899, and did give evidence in support of said complaint, and in giving said evidence they did not give it with the strictest accuracy, and they overstated certain circumstances and facts, with a view of convicting your complainant, and they did not tell the truth, in giving their evidence concerning said complaint.

As to Patrolman Huckins, Quirk, Chambers and O'Keefe, on the charge and on all the specifications the Board finds them not guilty and orders the complaint to be dismissed.

As to Patrolman James L. Hogsett, the Board finds him not guilty on the first, second, third and fourth specifications. On the fifth specification, the Board finds and adjudges him guilty, and sentences him to be dismissed from the police force of the City of Boston.

CALLAHAN VS. CITY OF BOSTON.

Following is the decision of the Supreme Court, rendered January 5, in the case of Michael J. Callahan vs. City of Boston, concerning personal labor done by the plaintiff while working under contract in the construction of a sewer in Dent street, West Roxbury:

HOLMES, C. J. It is not denied that the defendant is liable to the plaintiff under Statutes 1892, Chapter 270, if that statute is constitutional. The effect of that act is that if a city or town sees fit voluntarily to order the construction of public works owned by it, then *volens volens* it must assume a part of the responsibility of an employer to the workmen employed by the contractor with whom it deals. It is intended to be a milder application of the principle of the mechanics' lien laws. We see no constitutional objection to the law. It is a familiar type of statute and has been upheld heretofore. *Hart vs. Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad*, 121 Mass. 510. A compulsory relation of master and servant is not unknown even to the Common Law. *Benjamin vs. Dockhans*, 134 Mass. 418.

Judgment for the plaintiff.

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION.

Boston, January 9, 1900.

A regular meeting of the Cambridge Bridge Commission was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Boston, Tuesday, January 9, 1900, at 4 P.M., for the purpose of organizing and of transacting such business as might come before the meeting.

Present: All the members.

Commissioner Quincy, the former Chairman, having ceased to be a member, on motion of Commissioner Leavitt, it was voted that Commissioner Hart be chosen Chairman of the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Leavitt, it was

Voted, That Commissioner Hart be elected permanent Chairman, and Commissioner Champlin permanent Secretary, of the Cambridge Bridge Commission for the year 1900.

A communication was received from Col. Charles R. Suter, U.S.A. Corps of Engineers, requesting a copy of the vote of the Harbor and Land Commissioners approving the new plans of the Cambridge bridge, together with the reply of the Chief Engineer thereto.

Placed on file.

A communication was received from Mr. J. Morris Meredith, representing the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, suggesting that application be made by the Commission to the Legislature for the passage of an act authorizing the Commission to take the entire estate of the Infirmary, and to sell the portion not needed for an approach to the new bridge.

The communication was placed on file, and on motion of Commissioner Champlin it was

Voted, That Mr. J. Morris Meredith be informed that it is the opinion of the Cambridge Bridge Commission that it should not apply to the Legislature for authority to take the entire estate of the Massachusetts Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary, and that the Chairman of the Commission be authorized to negotiate with the owners of the land, and to agree, if possible, upon the amount which shall be paid as compensation for the damages sustained by its estate, if any are sustained.

Adjourned, on motion of Commissioner Champlin, subject to the call of the Chairman.

EDGAR R. CHAMPLIN, Secretary.

FINANCES OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

The following communication from the Superintendent of Streets, concerning the finances of the Street Department, was transmitted by Mayor Quincy to the Board of Aldermen at its meeting on Saturday, December 30, 1899, and referred to the Committee on Public Improvements. (See THE CITY RECORD, Vol. III., No. 1, page 8):

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, December 29, 1899.

HON. JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

SIR: I hereby respectfully request that you forward the following statement to the Finance Committee of the City Council,

with the request that transfers be made to the appropriation sufficient to cover the amount of the expenditures in excess of the appropriation.

The Department will end the year substantially as follows. I cannot make the statement exact as there is still one month of the financial year to be covered.

The Central office, Sewer, Sanitary, Street-cleaning, Bridge, Ferry, Street-watering and Boston and Cambridge bridges divisions will end the year with the appropriations allowed.

In the Paving Division the amount appropriated for snow was \$50,000. The expenditure to date on this account has been \$135,000; and you will remember at the time of the unusual storms last winter you authorized this Department to expend such additional sum as might be absolutely necessary, with the assurance that this could be carried as a shortage to be made good when transfers of surplus income could be made.

There is also about \$8,000 of ward improvement money, which should be transferred to the general ward improvement account.

The Paving Division will close its maintenance account substantially within its appropriation, but to in any degree properly cover the needs of the city a much larger sum should have been provided. The amount made available from the loan bill for general improvements this year was so inadequate to the needs of the city that a considerable amount of the maintenance money was used on work which ordinarily would be provided for by loan. The usual appropriation for ward improvements has been about \$800,000. Last year it was but \$348,000, and this year it was but \$292,000, of which only \$75,000 was available for general work, or but \$3,000 to a ward.

In order to live within this appropriation it has been necessary to leave undone much work that was petitioned for and would have been proper and desirable.

The accounts of the Department therefore can be closed and balanced within the appropriation, with the exception of the snow account of the Paving Division. To cover that work it was necessary to transfer from the paving maintenance \$85,000, and this amount is now required to finish the financial year of the Street Department; and I therefore request that a transfer of that amount be made to the snow fund, and also that the following balances of street improvement items be transferred to the general street improvement account:

Albany street	\$3,137 92
Atlantic street	3,258 79
Brighton avenue	335 12
Eleanor and Ridgemont streets	605 51
Freeport street	684 77
Sydney street	253 06
Total	\$8,275 17

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,
Superintendent of Streets.

Department Communications.**Building Department.**

Old Court House, November 20, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending November 18, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	5	2	
2...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
3...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
4...	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	1	
5...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	
6...	-	6	-	1	1	-	10	7	3	57	
7...	-	5	-	-	-	-	6	2	3	54	
8...	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	1	7	9	
9...	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	2	6	24	
10...	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	17	
11...	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	6	5	25	
12...	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	3	3	29	
13...	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	
14...	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	5	
15...	-	5	-	-	-	-	4	-	2	4	
16...	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	11	
17...	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	1	2	5	
18...	2	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	3	7	
19...	-	1	-	-	-	5	1	1	1	16	
20...	-	-	1	-	-	5	1	9	10	19	
21...	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	-	9	5	
22...	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	3	
23...	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	2	5	8	
24...	3	-	-	-	-	2	4	4	7	19	
25...	3	1	-	1	2	2	6	-	2	4	
T'ls..	13	31	1	3	10	24	57	33	89	330	

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, January 1, 1900.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending December 30, 1899:

Number of chattel mortgages	105
Number of discharges of mortgages	21
Number of assignments of mortgages	5
Number of bills of sale	6
Number of assignments of wages	52
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	9
Number of ship liens	1
Number of married women's certificates	7

The following accident notices were filed:

December 26 — Dora M. Jeffery, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in Morton street.

December 27 — H. J. Baird, damage to milk wagon, caused by tree leaning into street at Sixth and K streets.

December 28—Sarah Lemanofsky, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in Stillman street. Mrs. Laura F. Tirrell, personal injuries, caused by alleged defective curbstone, corner Washington and West streets. Benjamin Hayes, personal injuries, caused by defectively constructed surface gutter on Cornhill.

December 29—Mrs. Ann Fuller, death caused by falling over bridge abutment on Swett street. George W. Hasson, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in plank-ing and railing, near 301 Congress street. John Sullivan, personal injuries, caused by a kick from a horse owned by the city.

JOHN T. PRIEST, Assistant City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, December 30, 1899.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

J. H. Pierce, 62 West Selden street, Ward 24, two horses; hearing January 11 at 11 o'clock. Charles T. Chapin, Fargo street, Ward 13, fifty horses; hearing January 11 at 11 o'clock. J. S. and B. S. Ferguson, 86 Fellows street, Ward 17; hearing January 11 at 11 o'clock.

The petition of George A. Alden for the occupancy of a stable at 294 Ashmont street, Ward 24, for one additional horse, was granted.

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the month of December, 1899:

Poultry, 6,557 pounds; immatured veal, 548 pounds; spinach, 8 barrels; squash, 3 baskets; grapes, 1 crate.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the month ending December 31, 1899:

Steers	959
New England cows	554
New England bulls	108
New York cows	26
Sheep	1,031
Calves	1,100
Total	3,778

During the month 7,075 pounds of diseased beef have been condemned.

The following is a summary statement of work done by the Bureau of Milk Inspection during December, 1899:

Number of samples of milk examined:	
From wagons	667
From stores	458
Brought by citizens	30
	1,155
Number of samples of vinegar	53
Number of samples of butter	252
	1,460
Total samples	1,460
Number of cases pending December 1, 1899	12
Number of complaints entered during the month:	
For milk below standard	17
For sale of yellow oleomargarine,	1
	18
Total cases	30
Number of convictions	22
Number of acquittals	3
Warrant returned without service	1
Number of cases pending January 1, 1900,	4
	—
Total	30

Number of appeals	7
Amount paid in fines	\$1,050

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending December 30, 1899, as follows:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	37	36	73
Negative	101	66	167
No growth	—	—	—
Totals	138	102	240

Typhoid diagnoses: Five cases; one case positive; two cases negative; two cases atypical.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, December 4, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending December 2, 1899:

Cases pending	—
Number of applications	81
	—
	81

Number of admissions:

To State Almshouse, Tewksbury	30
Long Island Almshouse	10
Charlestown Almshouse	1
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	7
Boston Insane Hospital	5
Taunton Insane Hospital	4
Foxboro' Asylum	7
Epileptic Hospital	1
Bridgewater Insane Asylum	1
	—
	66

Number of applications refused 9

Number of applications withdrawn 6

Cases pending —

Settlements investigated 86

Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children 3

28 Court Square, December 11, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending December 9, 1899:

Cases pending	—
Number of applications	101
	—
	101

Number of admissions:

To State Almshouse, Tewksbury	47
Long Island Almshouse	9
Charlestown Almshouse	1
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	2
Boston Insane Hospital	6
Westboro' Insane Hospital	1
Taunton Insane Hospital	7
Foxboro' Asylum	9
	—
	82

Number of applications refused 9

Number of applications withdrawn 10

Cases pending —

Settlements investigated 112

Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children 5

W. T. SEDGWICK, Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, December 18, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending December 16, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	133	15
Females	18	8
Totals	151	23

Offences:		
Against the person	11	4
Against property	17	16
Against public order and decency	123	4
Totals	151	* 24

Discharges:		
Males	138	13
Females	32	2
Totals	170	15

How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence, Permit of Commissioner	136	14
Payment of fine	12	—
Died	20	—
	2	1
Totals	170	15

Population:		
December 9, 1899	1,124	488
Committed since December 9, 1899	151	23
Totals	1,275	511

Discharged since December 9, 1899	170	15
December 16, 1899	1,105	496

* One committed charged with two offences.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Award of Contract.

Fire Department.

Bids for the construction of a new house for Engine Company 22, on Warren avenue, were opened at 12 o'clock noon January 3, 1900, at the office of the Fire Commissioner, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
William L. Clark & Co.	\$34,900
Fessenden & Libby Company	35,997
John S. Jacobs & Son	36,493
Isaac Weaver	36,675
Mack & Moore	36,900
W. A. & H. A. Root	36,903
Charles H. Dodge	39,939
John Y. Mainland	40,446
Angus MacDonald	40,950
Connery & Wentworth	47,695
James A. Colson	48,700

The contract was awarded to William L. Clark & Co.

B. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

Governor Crane has nominated Hon. Frederick Lawton, of Lowell, to be Associate Justice of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth, to succeed Hon. Charles S. Lilley, resigned.

Board Meetings.

Library Department.

Friday, December 15, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, DeNormandie, Bowditch, Dwight and Lincoln.

Received: Circular No. 69 from the Mayor; the Acting Librarian's report.

Service changes: Grace E. Kellogg, grade D, Dorchester branch, salary fixed at \$6, December 23; Eleanor M. Williams, temporarily employed, issue department, grade E, \$3.50, December 28.

Various applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to general appropriation, amounting to \$7,291.67; to trust funds, \$706.58; to Broadway Extension appropriation, \$41.68.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$364.51; to trust funds, \$173.53; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$35.43; to Station "P," \$2; miscellaneous articles, \$252.15.

Ordered, That the matter of the payment to Augustus St. Gaudens of \$1,000 on account, be referred to the President with power.

Voted, That the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer a special draft in favor of Messrs. J. S. Morgan & Co., of London, Jacob C. Rogers, attorney, to be placed to the credit of the Trustees, for the sum of \$2,028.57; to be charged to the Library Department appropriation.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, December 18, 1899.

The sixty-fifth regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Monday, December 18, 1899, at 10.30 A.M.

Present: Mrs. Lincoln, Miss Morse, Mr. Rutan, Dr. Grainger, Mr. Pettingill and Mr. Hunnewell.

Voted, That Mr. Rutan and Miss Morse serve as a Committee on the Annual Report.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee reported on an estimate of expenditures for the year February 1, 1900, to January 31, 1901, as follows:

Almshouse and Hospital, Long Island,	\$116,380
Almshouse, Charlestown	15,000
Office expense	5,000
Pauper expense	3,000
Steamer "John Howard"	9,900
Total	\$149,280

Voted, That the estimates as prepared by the Finance Committee in regard to the amount of appropriations to be requested for the coming year be approved and sent to the Mayor.

The Committee on Finance was requested to see that proper explanation accompanies the above figures when they are submitted to the Mayor.

Voted, That the Superintendent of Long Island be requested, after conference with the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, to send in as soon as possible a statement of repairs and improvements which should be made at Long Island.

Voted, That the Penal Institutions Commissioner be requested to furnish a matron or stewardess on the "J. Putnam Bradlee," and to include the salary for this matron in his estimate of expenditures for the coming year, and that the Secretary be requested to notify Mr. Marshall of this vote and to explain the reason for it.

Circular No. 69 from the Mayor was read.

Voted, That the information contained in this circular be sent to the Superintendents of the Long Island and Charlestown Almshouses.

Circular No. 70 from the Mayor was read.

Voted, That this matter be referred to the Chairman of the Board.

Circular No. 71 was read and placed on file.

The following appointments, at the monthly salaries stated, were confirmed:

Rebecca M. Sullivan, head nurse, \$25; Sarah E. McGowan, head nurse, \$25; Christine Bell, ward maid, \$12; Annie M. Clark, probationer, \$10; Eva M. Marine, probationer, \$10; Bridget Manning, probationer, \$10.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and approved.

The Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse came before the Board and reported that the inmates of the almshouse are to have a Christmas entertainment on Saturday, and a Christmas dinner on Monday. No inmate is at present ill in bed.

The Superintendent of Long Island came before the Board and reported that Dr. A. A. Taft was improving slowly, but might not be able to resume his duties at the hospital for six weeks.

Voted, That Dr. B. F. Worthing be given compensation for extra services, during the illness of Dr. Taft, at the rate of \$25 per month.

The Superintendent reported the immediate need of an operating-table for the hospital.

Voted, That an operating-table, for use in the hospital at Long Island, be purchased at an expense of \$100.

Voted, That whereas Mr. William L. Rutan has sent in his resignation as Chairman of the Finance Committee, and the same has been accepted, the Trustees deem it their duty, and at the same time their pleasure, to place on their records a vote expressing their thanks to him for his untiring devotion and wise interest in this important Department.

The census of inmates at Long Island on December 16 is as follows:

	Male.	Female.	Total.
In Hospital:			
Adults	71	131	202
Children	10	7	17
Women's buildings	-	186	186
Men's building	220	-	220
Totals	201	324	625

WALTER HUNNEWELL,

Secretary pro tempore.

Street Laying-Out Department.

Following is an abstract of the minutes of meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Thursday, November 23.

Petitions were received for sewers in Fisher avenue and in Mellen street.

Friday, November 24.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out Rexford street.

Catch-basins were ordered to be built in Oleander, Rosemont and Freeport streets.

Petitions were received for changes in Board of Survey plans Eel, Plat 3 and Plat 6, and in plans Z 44, 57 in Plat 11.

Monday, November 27.

Petitions were received for a catch-basin in Tolman street; and for changes in plans Z 87, 93, 94, of the Board of Survey, Plat 10 and Plat 11.

On advice of the Law Department an award was made to J. Franklin Fuller and others of \$250 for damages occasioned by the extension of Columbus avenue.

Morton street was ordered relocated.

It was voted to give hearings on plans Eel, Plat 3 and Plat 6, Z 44, 57, Plat 11, and Z 87, 93, 94 in Plat 10 and Plat 11.

Tuesday, November 28.

It was voted to pay the Boston Terminal Company \$66,582.39 for land taken for Cove street.

Catch-basins were ordered to be built in Adams, Albemarle, Prescott, Vinson, Boston, Stratford, Lindsey and Cambridge streets and Western avenue, and sewers were ordered to be built in Havre, Corbet and Nelson streets.

Wednesday, November 29.

An award of \$400 was made to Anna M. Mattson for damages occasioned by a sewer taking, and of \$1,260.09 to John Craven for damages occasioned by the laying out of Wensley street.

Petitions were received for the relocation of Goldsmith brook, between South street and the Arnold Arboretum, and for the relocation of the Canterbury branch of Stony brook, from Talbot avenue to Callender street, along Franklin Field.

Catch-basins were ordered to be built in Kneeland, Beach, East and Essex streets, Atlantic and Shawmut avenues and Audubon road, and sewers in Faneuil, E, K and Alleghany streets, and in Dorchester avenue.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

COMMITTEES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Governor Crane announced on Thursday, the fourth instant, the following committees of the Executive Council:

Pardons — Lieutenant-Governor Bates, and Messrs. Quirk, Russell, Jefferson and Slade.

Finance — Lieutenant-Governor Bates, and Messrs. Howe, Jefferson, Russell and Durell.

Harbors — Messrs. Davis, Quirk, Slade, Howe and Durell.

Charitable Institutions — Lieutenant-Governor Bates, and Messrs. Howe, Jefferson, Quirk and Harwood.

Prisons — Lieutenant-Governor Bates, and Messrs. Jefferson, Quirk, Davis and Harwood.

Military Affairs — Lieutenant-Governor Bates, and Messrs. Davis, Slade, Howe and Harwood.

Railroads — Lieutenant-Governor Bates, and Messrs. Russell, Quirk, Jefferson and Slade.

State House — Lieutenant-Governor Bates, and Messrs. Russell, Davis, Howe and Durell.

Nominations — Lieutenant - Governor Bates, and Messrs. Slade and Harwood.

Accounts — Messrs. Russell, Durell and Slade.

Warrants — Messrs. Davis, Durell and Harwood.

DEATH OF EX-DISTRICT CHIEF DUNBAR.

Mr. Joseph Dunbar, ex-District Chief of the Boston Fire Department, died at his home, 79 Thorndike street, Brookline, early in the morning of January 3, 1900.

Chief Dunbar, a native of Boston, was born July 23, 1823. After leaving school he learned the shipwright trade. His first connection with Fire Department matters dates from 1839, when he became connected with the Franklin Engine Company No. 7, of Charlestown, in the capacity of torch boy. The following year he was chosen an active member. He remained with that company until 1843, when he made a long voyage to China. In 1848 he located at East Boston and joined Engine Company 9, becoming assistant engineer of the district in 1853. Upon the reorganization of the Fire Department in 1873, Mr. Dunbar was made Chief of District 1, East Boston, which position he held until June, 1889, when he was retired.

REQUESTS TO THE CITY.

By the will of Daniel S. Ford, publisher of the "Youth's Companion," whose death occurred Thursday, December 28, 1899, large bequests are made to a number of religious, educational and charitable institutions. In addition to these, in "appreciation of the benefits received . . . from the protection and encouragement of good government in our city" Mr. Ford left the sum of \$6,000 to the Boston Public Library and a like amount to the Boston City Hospital.

BOUND VOLUMES OF THE CITY RECORD.

Announcement is made that Volume II. of THE CITY RECORD, 1899, comprising 840 pages, has been suitably bound, and that a limited number of copies are for sale and may be obtained on application to the Department of Statistics, 71 City Hall, Boston, at the price of \$3.25 per copy.

ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF 1900.

The first meeting of the School Committee of 1900 was held at the School Committee Chamber, Mason street, Monday evening, January 8, for the purpose of effecting an organization of the Board.

On the seventeenth roll-call, by a viva voce vote, Dr. William J. Gallivan was elected President, receiving fourteen votes against nine votes cast for Mr. Anderson and one vote for Mr. Strange.

Messrs. Thornton D. Apollonio, Secretary; William J. Porter, Auditing Clerk; James A. McDonald, Treasurer; Horace K. Fisher, School-house Agent, and Alvah W. Peters, Messenger, were re-elected by unanimous votes.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending January 6, 1900, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	26.5
Death rate for corresponding week, 1899,	24.1
Number of deaths:	
Males	129
Females	154
Total	283
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1899	251
Increase	32

Of the 283 decedents, 275 were white and 8 colored; 169 were born in the United States, 111 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 3 was unknown; 53 were of American parentage, 199 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 31 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	86	17
Scarlatina	54	10
Typhoid fever	8	2
Measles	69	—
Totals	217	29

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	33
Pneumonia	49
Whooping Cough	1
Heart disease	30
Bronchitis	13
Marasmus	4
Violent causes	11

Total from principal causes	141
Total from infectious diseases	29
Total from other causes	113

Total from all causes	283
Deaths of children under 1 year	28
Deaths of children under 5 years	76
Deaths of persons over 60 years	67
Deaths in public institutions	73

There were two cases of small-pox reported during the week.

The number of vessels passing through Sault Ste. Marie Canal, connecting the Great Lakes, during 1899 was 19,154; the number of persons passing through the canal was 49,082, and the registered tonnage 21,958,347.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

WIRE DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE.

By authority vested in the Commissioner of Wires by Chapter 454, of the Acts of 1894, and Chapter 249, of the Acts of 1898, the section of the City of Boston prescribed for this calendar year, namely, 1900, within which any poles or structures used in the streets, and all electric wires, cables and conductors, other than those that are excepted by said Chapters 454 and 249, shall be removed or placed underground, is that portion of Harrison avenue beginning at the southerly line of Dover street, extending to and ending at the northerly line of Northampton street, a distance of 4,435 feet. That portion of Dover street beginning at the westerly line of Albany street, extending to and ending at the easterly line of Tremont street, a distance of 1,995 feet. That portion of Wareham street beginning at the westerly side of Albany street, extending to and ending at the easterly side of Malden street, a distance of 645 feet. That portion of Concord street beginning at the westerly side of Albany street, extending to and ending at the easterly side of Shawmut avenue, a distance of 1,730 feet. That portion of Northampton street beginning at the westerly line of Albany street, extending to and ending at the easterly line of Shawmut avenue, a distance of 1,810 feet; a total of 10,615 feet, exceeding the amount (two miles) prescribed by Chapter 229 by fifty-six feet.

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner of Wires.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PAUPER INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The Pauper Institutions Trustees of the City of Boston invite proposals for furnishing, to the City of Boston, each week until February 1, 1901, under separate contracts, about 2,500 pounds of beef and 500 pounds of mutton and 1,050 pounds of fish, for Pauper Institutions of said city, and furnishing a bond for each contract in the sum stated in the form of proposal, for faithfully doing the work.

The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at the office of said Trustees, No. 28 Court square, Room 3, in said city, and leave the proposal at said office on or before 12.30 o'clock P.M. of January 22, 1900, with a certified check, payable to the City of Boston, for the sum stated in the form of proposal aforesaid, this check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal she deems best for the city.

ALICE N. LINCOLN,

Chairman of Trustees for Paupers of the City of Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

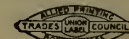
Contractors are invited by the School Committee of the City of Boston to furnish proposals for erecting a new primary school building on the corner of Parker, Willis and Caldwell streets, Roxbury, for the City of Boston. A satisfactory bond in the sum of \$10,000 for faithfully doing the work will be required.

The office copy of the contract may be seen and a proposal obtained at the office of Wilson & Webber, 70 Kilby street, Boston, Mass. The bidder must fill out and leave the proposal so obtained and a certified check for \$1,000, at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 o'clock P.M., of January 15, 1900, at which time and place said proposal will be publicly opened and read; this check is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

EDWARD I. ALDRICH,

Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of said city.



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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

At its meeting held Monday, January 15, 1900, the Board of Aldermen voted to confirm the appointment by Mayor Hart of Hon. Patrick A. Collins to be a member of the Commission for Consolidating and Arranging the Special Laws Relating to the City of Boston.

DEATH OF HON. HALSEY J. BOARDMAN.

The death of Hon. Halsey J. Boardman, ex-President of the State Senate, occurred at his home, 41 Perrin street, Roxbury, Monday, January 15, 1900.

Mr. Boardman was born at Norwich, Vt., May 19, 1834. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1858, and in 1860 was admitted to the Suffolk bar. From 1862 to 1864 he served as President of the Board of Enrolment of soldiers for the Fourth Congressional District. During 1873, 1874 and 1875 he was a member of the Boston Common Council, being President of that body the last year. In this same year Mr. Board-

man received the Republican and Democratic nominations for Mayor, but was defeated at the polls by Mayor Cobb, the Citizens' candidate.

From 1883 to 1885, inclusive, Mr. Boardman was a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, and in 1887 and 1888 he served as a member and President of the State Senate.

Mr. Boardman was prominently identified with a number of railroad corporations, and under the will of the late Robert B. Brigham was one of the trustees for the establishment of the Brigham Hospital for Incurables.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS OF THE BOSTON MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Following is the list of assignments of Boston members of the Massachusetts Legislature of 1900 to committees made by the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives respectively:

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE.

District 1—Charles T. Witt, member of the Committees on Ways and Means, Harbors and Public Lands, and Military Affairs.

District 2—Peter F. Tague, member of the Committees on Federal Relations, Metropolitan Affairs, and Prisons,

District 3—Jeremiah E. Mahoney, member of the Committees on Bills in Third Reading, Drainage, and Printing,

District 4—John A. Keliher, member of the Committees on Cities, Education, and Libraries.

District 5—Charles H. Innes, member of the Committees on Election Laws, Probate and Insolvency, and Taxation.

District 6—John E. Baldwin, member of the Committees on Fisheries and Game, Liquor Law, and Mercantile Affairs.

District 7—William H. Lott, member of the Committees on Cities, Libraries, Manufactures, and Public Health.

District 8—Arthur A. Maxwell, member of the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Metropolitan Affairs, and Probate and Insolvency.

District 9—Leonard W. Ross, member of the Committees on Libraries, Railroads, and State House.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Ward 1—A. Dudley Bagley, member of the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs; Hugh L.

Stalker, member of the Committees on Federal Relations and Railroads.

Ward 2—James H. Donovan, member of the Committee on Election Laws; John J. Douglass, member of the Committee on Harbors and Public Lands.

Ward 3—Jeremiah F. McCarthy, member of the Committee on Public Health; Charles S. Sullivan, member of the Committee on Education.

Ward 4—Thomas H. Green, member of the Committee on Manufactures; William E. Mahoney, member of the Committees on Drainage and Liquor Law.

Ward 5—Arthur Harrington, member of the Committee on Taxation; Martin P. Higgins, member of the Committee on Elections.

Ward 6—Samuel H. Borofsky, member of the Committees on Public Service and Water Supply; Michael J. Donovan, member of the Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Ward 7—John L. Donovan, member of the Committee on Printing; William T. A. Fitzgerald, member of the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Ward 8—Edward J. Donovan, member of the Committee on Railroads; Francis J. Horgan, member of the Committee on Elections.

Ward 9—John J. Gartland, jr., member of the Committee on Taxation; Richard J. Hayes, member of the Committee on Mercantile Affairs.

Ward 10—Freeman O. Emerson, member of the Committees on Libraries and Printing; William E. Parker, member of the Committee on Labor and Prisons.

Ward 11—Charles R. Saunders, member of the Committee on Election Laws; George S. Selfridge, member of the Committees on the Judiciary and Taxation.

Ward 12—James F. Bliss, member of the Committee on Election Laws; John H. Colby, member of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ward 13—Michael J. Lydon, member of the Committee on labor; Frederick C. Mahoney, member of the Committee on Election Laws.

Ward 14—David J. Gleason, member of the Committee on Water Supply; Michael J. Sullivan, member of the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Ward 15—Daniel V. McIsaac, member of the Committee on Ways and Means; William S. McNary, member of the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Ward 16—Frederick W. Farwell, member of the Committee on Harbors and Public Lands; Arthur P. Russell, member of the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

Ward 17—John P. Lanegan, member of the Committee on Liquor Law; John J.

Mansfield, member of the Committee on Probate and Insolvency.

Ward 18 — Michael E. Gaddis, member of the Committee on Drainage; James A. Watson, member of the Committee on Drainage.

Ward 19 — William L. Mooney, member of the Committee on Manufactures; John E. Thomson, member of the Committees on Printing and State House.

Ward 20 — Frank A. Foster, member of the Committee on Cities; James Howell, member of the Committee on Manufactures.

Ward 21 — Melancthon N. Burlen, member of the Committee on Manufactures; Temple A. Winsloe, member of the Committee on Education.

Ward 22 — John Bleiler, member of the Committees on Liquor Law and Mercantile Affairs; Charles O. Engstrom, member of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ward 23 — Thomas F. I. Curley, member of the Committee on Insurance; John M. Minton, member of the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ward 24 — Fred C. Gilpatric, member of the Committee on Street Railways; Harry B. Whall, member of the Committees on Engrossed Bills and Insurance.

Ward 25 — Austin Bigelow, member of the Committee on Street Railways; William D. Wheeler, member of the Committee on Public Health.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at 5.30 P.M., on, January 11, 1900. President Gallivan announced the following committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on Accounts — Ignatius S. McDonough (Chairman), Messrs. Allen, Gallivan, Merritt and Nichols.

Committee on Text-books — Elizabeth C. Keller (Chairman), Messrs. Anderson, Kenny and McDonald and Mrs. Fifield.

Committee on Evening Schools — Charles L. Burrill (Chairman), Messrs. Abraham, Allen, Baldwin and Bulger.

Committee on Horace Mann School — Francis L. Coolidge (Chairman), Mrs. Fifield and Mrs. Keller, Messrs. Brett and Allen.

Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training — Samuel H. Calderwood (Chairman), Mrs. Allen, and Messrs. Coolidge, Cushing and Gallivan.

Committee on Legislative Matters — Edward I. Aldrich (Chairman), Messrs. Abraham, Allen, Courtney and Merritt.

Committee on New Buildings — William F. Merritt (Chairman), Messrs. Abraham, Aldrich, Cushing and McDonough.

Committee on Salaries — Thomas F. Strange (Chairman), Messrs. Burrell, Campbell, Courtney and Mrs. Keller.

Committee on School-houses — Thomas W. Berridge (Chairman), Messrs. Baldwin, Bulger, Courtney and Strange.

Committee on Supplies — Thomas J. Kenny (Chairman), Messrs. Calderwood, Campbell, Coolidge and McDonough.

Committee on Truant Officers — J. Carlton Nichols (Chairman), Messrs. Burrill, Berridge, Kenny and McDonough.

Committee on Rules and Regulations — George W. Anderson (Chairman), Messrs. Brett, Cushing, Nichols and Strange.

Committee on Music — Elizabeth C. Kellar (Chairman), Messrs. Aldrich, Berridge, Kenny and Gallivan.

Committee on Drawing — James A. McDonald (Chairman), Messrs. Allen, Brett, Davison and Strange.

Committee on Manual Training — Emily A. Fifield (Chairman), Messrs. Baldwin, Burrill, Strange and McDonough.

NORMAL, HIGH SCHOOL AND DIVISION COMMITTEES.

Normal School — Messrs. Aldrich, Berridge, Courtney, Kenny and McDonough.

High Schools — Messrs. Anderson, Brett, Calderwood, Gallivan and Merritt.

First Division — Messrs. Abraham, Allen, Bulger, Burrill and Campbell.

Second Division — Messrs. Allen, Berridge, Courtney, McDonald and Strange.

Third Division — Messrs. Bulger, Burrill, Keuny, McDonough and Nichols.

Fourth Division — Messrs. Anderson, Campbell, Coolidge and Cushing, and Mrs. Keller.

Fifth Division — Messrs. Brett, Campbell and Courtney, Mrs. Fifield and Mr. McDonald.

Sixth Division — Messrs. Aldrich, Baldwin, Gallivan, Kenny and Nichols.

Seventh Division — Messrs. Abraham, Calderwood, Cushing, McDonough and Merritt.

Eighth Division — Messrs. Aldrich, Anderson, Brett and Coolidge, and Mrs. Keller.

Ninth Division — Messrs. Baldwin, Berridge and Davison, Mrs. Fifield, and Mr. Merritt.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces the following examinations to be held in this and other cities in the United States where it has a Board of Examiners:

February 6 — For the position of draftsman in the geological survey, qualified in the preparation of drawings of invertebrate fossils. For the position of deputy warden, United States penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, at a salary of \$2,000 per annum, with quarters and table supplies.

February 6 and 7 — For the position of computer and architectural draftsman in the office of the supervising architect, Treasury Department. For the position of aid in the office of the United States coast and geodetic survey; salary of \$720 per annum.

These examinations are open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements. All such citizens are invited to apply. They will be examined, graded and certified, with entire impartiality and wholly without regard to any consideration save their ability as shown by the grade attained by them in the examination.

Persons desiring to compete should at once apply to the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D.C., or to E. E. Stebbins, Secretary Board of Civil Service Examiners, Room 141, Post Office building, Boston, Mass., for application blanks (Forms 304 and 375), which should be properly executed and promptly filed with the Commission.

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION.

Boston, January 16, 1900.

A meeting of the Cambridge Bridge Commission was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Boston, Tuesday, January 16, at 4 P.M.

Present: All the members.

On motion of Commissioner Leavitt, it was

Voted, That the bills and pay-rolls, presented by the Chief Engineer of the Commission for payment by the cities of Boston and Cambridge, amounting to \$2,624.74, be certified by the Commission for payment by the respective cities of Boston and Cambridge, one-half to be paid by each.

The first approximate estimate of the work done and material furnished by William J. Lawler on the temporary highway bridge across Charles river, under his agreement accepted August 17, 1899, was received from the Chief Engineer.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, it was

Voted, That the same be certified for payment by the cities of Boston and Cambridge, one-half thereof to be paid by each city, and that the Chairman be authorized to draw special drafts in payment thereof.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, it was

Voted, That the Commission approve bills amounting to \$126.75, for appraising damages caused by the widening of Main street, Cambridge, and expenses incidental to said widening; and that the same be certified for payment by the City of Cambridge, as a part of the cost of the approach to the Cambridge bridge on the Cambridge side, as provided in Statutes 1898, Chapter 467, Section 8.

Commissioner Champlin, to whom was referred on November 16, 1899, the bill of the Cambridge Electric Light Company, for installing five arc lights on the temporary bridge, reported that the City of Cambridge, under its contract with this company, compensated it for the expense of installing arc lights, and upon his motion it was

Voted, That the bill of the Cambridge Electric Light Company, amounting to \$183.10, be certified by the Commission for payment by the respective cities of Boston and Cambridge.

Adjourned, on motion of Commissioner Champlin, subject to the call of the Chairman.

EDGAR R. CHAMPLIN, Secretary.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN, BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.

At the regular meeting of the Trustees of the Boston Public Library, held Friday, January 12, 1900, Mr. Otto Fleischner, Custodian of Special Libraries, was appointed Assistant Librarian.

Mr. Fleischner was born in Austria and is about forty-five years of age. He came to Boston in 1879 and for a number of years was in the employ of a book-selling firm. In 1891 he became connected with the Library, and when it moved to its present location at Copley square he was made Custodian of Special Libraries.

IMMIGRATION DURING DECEMBER.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston from trans-Atlantic ports during the month ending December 31, 1899:

RACE.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
English	117	80	37
Finnish	48	35	13
French	4	2	2
German	9	7	2
Hebrew	51	44	7
Irish	97	55	42
Russian	1	1	—
Scandinavian	88	45	43
Scotch	10	7	3
Spanish	1	1	—
Welsh	2	1	1
West Indian	2	2	—
Total	430	280	150
Tourists or passengers en route	32	—	—
Total immigration for December, 1899	462	—	—

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS.—STATES AND TERRITORIES.

North Atlantic Division—		
Maine		5
New Hampshire		3
Vermont		2
Massachusetts		306
Rhode Island		32
Connecticut		2
New York		30
Pennsylvania		1
Total		381
South Atlantic Division—		
Maryland		3
Total		3
North Central Division—		
Illinois		23
Michigan		13
Wisconsin		1
Minnesota		3
Iowa		1
North Dakota		1
South Dakota		1
Total		43
South Central Division—		
Kentucky		1
Total		1
Western Division—		
California		2
Total		2
RECAPITULATION.		
North Atlantic Division		381
South Atlantic Division		3
North Central Division		43
South Central Division		1
Western Division		2
Total		430

Messages from the Mayor.**TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Friday, January 12, 1900, Alderman Codman, senior member, presiding.

All the members were present.

The following messages from the Mayor were received:

Appointment by the Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 12, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: Subject to your confirmation, I hereby appoint Joseph Flores a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

Laid over under the law.

Closing of Accounts.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 12, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: In order to close the accounts of the financial year without needless delay, an order like the enclosed should be passed by both branches. Without such an order petty transfers will require special action by the Council.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

Ordered, That the City Auditor, in closing the accounts of the financial year ending January 31, 1900, may, with the approval of the Committee on Finance, by vote at a duly called meeting, and with the approval of the Mayor, make transfers from any appropriation to any other appropriation, and with like approvals apply any income and taxes not disposed of.

Passed—yeas, 13; nays, 0. Sent down.

Land for Ferry Service.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 12, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: I transmit herewith a communication from the Street Department, dated January 5, and relating to the taking of land for ferry service. In case the city desires authority from the Commonwealth for the taking of land under the law of eminent domain, or to adopt a general policy applicable to such cases, the co-operation of the City Council is desirable and hereby invited. The City Council might appoint a

committee and unite, if possible, on a general bill to be submitted to the State Legislature.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor,

STREET DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, January 5, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: I beg to call your attention to the conditions existing in relation to the South Ferry head-house, East Boston. The entire ferry equipment is now in first-class condition, including the slips and drops, head-houses and boats, with the exception of the South head-house, East Boston side. Nearly four years ago, when Mayor Quincy came into office, this matter was taken in hand.

At that time it was proposed to greatly enlarge the entire facilities by building three slips in place of two, and an effort was made to secure a landing at some point near Rowe's wharf. Finding it impossible to accomplish this, the scheme was changed and plans were drawn for the new head-house, with a view to using the other slip facilities as located at present.

This first plan showed a taking from the National Dock and Warehouse Company. On investigation, the cost of such taking was found to be too great, and it was necessary to again revise the plans, this time making a taking from the Boston and Maine Railroad Company. Mr. John C. Cobb, acting for the Mayor, undertook the negotiations with the Boston and Maine Railroad Company, and it appeared that the land which the city desired could be obtained for \$30,000. On this assumption, the architects revised the plans for the head-house, bids were called for, but, pending the conclusion of the arrangements with the Boston and Maine Railroad the contract was never awarded.

When the matter came finally before the Board of Directors of the railroad company, they voted against it; and the only course now open to the city, if it is your wish that the matter be proceeded with, is to ask authority from the Legislature to make a taking.

The present conditions are such that it is only fair to the people of East Boston that this matter be taken up and settled in some way, so that better accommodations may be provided; and I respectfully call it to your attention for such action as you may deem proper.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

Assigned to the next meeting.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, January 15, 1900, Alderman Codman, senior member, presiding.

The following messages from the Mayor were received:

Abatement of Smoke Nuisance.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 15, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: You are hereby notified that on January 13, 1900, the Superintendent of Streets was charged with the enforcement of Statute 1895, Chapter 389, entitled "An Act to Abate the Smoke Nuisance in the City of Boston."

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

Placed on file.

Appointment of Finance Committee.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 15, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: It is of urgent importance that your Board appoint a Finance Committee, under your order passed on the twelfth of this month. Without such a committee actually appointed, financial difficulties are sure to arise, necessitating suspension of work, notably in the Street Department. You are requested to appoint the Finance Committee without delay.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, January 11, 1900, at 7 P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

The following communications from the Mayor were received:

Call for Meeting.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 9, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: Under Stat. 1854, Chap. 448, Sect. 46, you are hereby requested to assemble in the Common Council Chamber, in City Hall, on Thursday, January 11, 1900, at 7 P.M., to hold a meeting of the Common Council, and to transact such business as may lawfully come before you.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

Placed on file.

Sewerage Loan.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 11, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: You are requested to pass a loan order for \$1,000,000, the amount to be

used in sewerage work now stopped or to be stopped for want of funds. An order is sent herewith, and requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members in each branch of the City Council, under Stat. 1899, Chap. 450, Sect. 1. Until the order is passed, some 600 men will be without employment, important work will cease, and the city will suffer. The order should have been passed a week ago. It cannot be passed too soon. Detailed information as to the work in hand, and now interrupted, is submitted for your information, and might properly be printed.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

January 1, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: I would respectfully call your attention to the provisions of Chap. 450 of the Acts of 1899, Sect. 1, that the "City Council . . . may annually appropriate . . . sum not exceeding \$1,000,000 in any one year for constructing sewerage works in said city."

The appropriation now available for the construction of sewerage works is about \$23,000. Under the act, sewerage works are provided for from January 1, and I would state that the pay-roll of the Sewer Division for construction work is about \$8,000 per week, and it is therefore necessary that action be taken on this appropriation before the twelfth of January, or it will be necessary to suspend all work on the construction of sewerage works until such time as an appropriation is provided.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

January 9, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: I have already advised you that the balance of the sewerage works loan carried over from January 1 will be exhausted by the pay-roll of this week, ending Thursday night; and as there is no way in which construction work in this Division can be legally carried on, it becomes necessary to shut down and lay off the men until such time as action is taken by the City Council authorizing the annual loan for sewerage works. I have therefore issued orders that all men on construction work in the Sewer Division be notified that their services will not be required after the close of business Thursday night, the eleventh instant, until further notice.

This will involve some six hundred men.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

January 5, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: I beg to hand you herewith a report of the Sewer Division, in answer to your request for information regarding the

necessity of future sewerage works, and the work at present under way. I also forward Document No. 70, 1899, with work that was called for at that time checked on the margin, as to present condition, whether constructed, in progress, or not yet undertaken.

You will note from the statement that there is a demand for sewerage works over and beyond the amount that can be provided under the regular appropriation of \$1,000,000. It is, of course, not necessary, or even possible, that all this work should be undertaken the coming year, but the statement shows the great importance of the prompt passage by the City Council of the order authorizing the expenditure of \$1,000,000 for the year commencing January 1, 1900.

I would add further that these estimates are based on the original figures which contemplated the nine-hour day. The additional cost occasioned by the acceptance of the statute making eight hours the labor day is not and cannot be taken into account until a fair test of its operation has been made.

Yours very respectfully,

BENJ. W. WELLS,

Superintendent of Streets.

STREET DEPARTMENT—SEWER DIVISION.

January 4, 1900.

MR. BENJ. W. WELLS, Superintendent of Streets.

DEAR SIR: Your communication is at hand, asking for information as to how the appropriation of a million dollars for sewerage works is to be used during the year 1900. Your letter states—

(1.) Work in progress, with estimate to finish.

(2.) Work on the list for this winter, which is for work that has been ordered.

(3.) The most important work for the balance of the year.

(4.) Estimates for the Bennington-street boulevard, with the amount that we propose to expend during the present year.

Before answering any of these questions, I would state that the following money is practically tied up, of the million dollars, as follows:

\$125,000—Which represents the payment on the contract of the I. P. Morris Company and the Bethlehem Steel Company for the ensuing year, for work to be done on Pump No. 5 sewerage works, Calf Pasture.

\$75,000—For the finishing of work under contract at Moon Island and at the main drainage works at Calf Pasture.

\$15,000—For the assessment office, which is under control of the Street Commissioners.

\$15,000—For payment of surveyors in charge of the Street Commissioners, for the purpose of making surveys of takings for sewers.

\$100,000—Reserved for the Street Commissioners for the settlement of claims for land takings and damages caused by the construction of sewers.

\$75,000—For payment of 5 per cent. and 15 per cent. held back on contracts, and for bills incurred during the month of January, 1900.

\$50,000—For the payment of contracts now in the process of construction.

\$75,000—For the payment of engineers who are to be used by this Division in the planning and supervision of sewerage works during the coming year.

These items will make a total of \$530,000, leaving a balance of \$470,000 for actual sewerage works.

The work in progress at the present time by city labor and estimate to finish work is as follows:

DISTRICT NO. 1, SOUTH BOSTON.	
Outlet for K-street sewer	\$100
E street, from First street to Summer street	32,900
A street, overflow	2,000
DISTRICT NO. 2, EAST BOSTON.	
Chelsea street	5,000
Bennington-street boulevard and culvert	12,050
Saratoga street, from Ford street, 250 feet westerly	750
DISTRICT NO. 4, BRIGHTON.	
Faneuil street, Fairbanks street and private land, surface drains	8,000
DISTRICT NO. 5, WEST ROXBURY.	
Stony Brook improvement (which is charged to special loan)	
DISTRICT NO. 6, DORCHESTER.	
Barry street	6,100
Blue Hill avenue, Mattapan to Walk Hill street	21,000
Bowdoin street to Templeton street	200
Wainwright street	1,000
Clayton-street extension	4,000
Tenean brook, between Gibson street and Ashmont street	15,000
Private land, Callender street to Lauriat avenue	2,400
Maxwell street, from Capen street to Nelson street	2,000
Willowwood street, Lauriat avenue to Dumas street	1,500
DISTRICT NO. 7. (PITTS.)	
Ceylon street, from Quincy street to Columbia road	21,200
DISTRICT NO. 8. (CARSON.)	
Canal street, relief sewer	8,000
Oswego street, regulator	1,100
Congress street	1,416
Boylston street	1,650
Total	\$147,366
BY CONTRACT.	
Ashland street to Rowe street, West Roxbury	\$2,000
Alleghany street, Roxbury	1,300
Darling street, Roxbury	720
Draper court, catch-basins	550
Lauriat avenue and outlet, Dorchester, Leverett avenue, which is the outlet for a portion of the Bennington street boulevard, East Boston	1,550
Private land between Lamont street and Prentiss place	800
Faneuil street, at Oak square, Brighton	12,000
Bellevue avenue, West Roxbury	5,800
Corbet street, Dorchester	2,400
Hancock street, Dorchester	1,000
Garden street, West Roxbury	925
Pond, Mt. Vernon and Bellevue streets (catch-basins)	1,025
Oakview terrace	200
Total	\$33,070
Grand total	\$180,436

Also at Moon Island, the finishing of the basins, under contract. The masonry is practically finished, but the grading around the basins has yet to be done, together with the fencing of the basins; the putting in of the air plant and electric plant to work the flushing gates; also the gate-house for the same.

At Calf Pasture, Lockwood Manufacturing Company are finishing their contract in the improving of the pumping plant at this point.

The above work is practically all the work that we have under construction at this time, and the estimate to finish is based on the figures at the first of January, and are rough and only approximate.

Of course, there is small work in all these districts that I have not mentioned, such as the construction of catch-basins and the extensions of the culverts; the rebuilding of the interceptor at Glover's Corner, which is the main interceptor for sewers for the whole of Dorchester and Neponset-river valley above this point; and it is impossible to give an estimate of the cost of this, as we cannot decide how much will have to be done until we have made a thorough examination.

The following are streets that have been ordered by the Street Commissioners and not yet built:

Alford street, from Mystic river to the boundary line between Boston and Everett, Charlestown. "323"	\$12,000
Ashley street, from Breed street to Walley street, Orient Heights. "323"	1,462
Aberdeen street. "323"	2,413
Binney street, from Longwood avenue to Smyrna	1,093
Blanford street, from Commonwealth avenue to Boston and Albany Railroad. "323"	4,100
B street, low water to Congress and West First to low water. "323"	46,025
Bennington street, Chelsea street to Belle Isle inlet. "323"	106,840
Brookline avenue, from Longwood entrance to Riverway. "323"	34,272
Bird street, Columbia road to Hancock street. "323"	1,837
Cardington street, from Cobden. "323"	826
Cumington street, Blanford street to Avon street. "323"	15,044
Carlow street, from Albany to Chadwick. "323"	1,244
Cambridge street, Brighton avenue to Washington street. "323"	7,330
Chase street, Willis to East Cottage	570
Conrad street, Dorchester. "323"	454
Corinth street, Washington to Brandon street. "323"	633
Dent street, Pleasantstreet and private land. Surface drain	2,027
Davenport brook, Dorchester avenue to Magdala street	2,800
Draper street, Robinson street to Bowdoin. "323"	7,910
Dixfield street, Old Harbor to Covington. "323"	1,206
Dunford street, from Codman to Fenner. "323"	723
Eaton street, Tolman street to Stockman street, Dorchester	500
Fisher avenue and Parker street, Roxbury	13,425
Faneuil Valley brook, from Lake street to Washington street	11,000
Forest Hills street, Washington street to Glen road. "323"	7,878
Gainsborough street, St. Stephen to Hemenway. "323"	14,434
Garden street, between George street and Etna street	2,460
Gibson street, Dorchester avenue to Adams street. "323"	1,788
Private land, between Centre and Montview streets, West Roxbury. Surface drain	4,200
Hancock street, Columbia road to Winter street. "323"	21,375
Halleck street, Ruggles street to Ward street	13,700

Carried forward \$341,560

Brought forward	\$341,560
Jersey street. "323"	51,200
Knoll street, between Walter and Selwyn streets	1,860
Leeds street, Woodward street to Dorchester avenue. "323"	2,196
Leonard street, Duncan street to Adams street, Dorchester. "323"	2,210
Millet street, Park to Athelwold street. "323"	2,555
Mendum street, between Walter and Fairview streets, West Roxbury	5,400
Montague street, Ashmont street to Roslin street. "323"	970
Moseley street, Crescent avenue to Columbia road. "323"	6,450
Normandy street, from Lawrence avenue. "323"	930
Oakland Garden Fork, Canterbury branch of Stony brook, from Park street to a point beyond Harvard street	5,000
Private land, Burt street to Bailey street, Dorchester. Surface drain	3,000
Pleasant street to Dorchester bay. Surface drain	16,755
Private land, between Harvard street and Commonwealth avenue extension culvert	1,650
Passageway, Ipswich to Ipswich	7,441
Public alleys:	
No. 301	\$100
No. 414	210
No. 417	25
No. 418	66
No. 430	850
No. 431	360
No. 432	660
No. 433	510
No. 434	360
No. 435	360
No. 438	210
No. 439	60
No. 440	60
No. 441	474
No. 442	396
No. 443	258
No. 444	1,821
No. 905	1,320
	8,100
Perkins street, Centre street to Jamaica way. "323"	6,150
Pontiac street, Hillside street to Tremont. "323"	5,940
Queensbury street. "323"	29,300
Railroad street, Corey to Willow street. "323"	843
Spring street, Centre to Gardner street, West Roxbury. "323"	32,500
Sheppard brook, from Wool pond to Union street	153,000
Salt Creek brook	14,500
Stratford street, Anawan avenue to Clemont avenue. "323"	1,615
Spencer street, Athelwold to Harvard. "323"	745
Seaborn street, Centre street to Kenwood street. "323"	1,600
Shepton street, Dorchester avenue to Florida street. "323"	3,636
Thane street, Athelwold street to Harvard street. "323"	1,585
Templeton street, Dorchester avenue to Adams street. "323"	7,345
Van Winkle street, Dorchester avenue to Shawmut Branch Railroad. "323"	
Van Winkle across Shawmut Branch Railroad to Bushnell street. C. B. drain	3,777
West Selden street, "323," to complete	17,820
Williams street across New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and through a part of Carolina avenue to Call street. Also between Washington street and New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. "323"	3,500

Carried forward \$741,142

Brought forward	\$741,142
Washington street, between Morton and Tower streets, West Roxbury. "323"	923
Wainwright street, Centre street to Wells avenue. "323"	5,943
(\$4,800 is also included in estimate for Tenean creek, Brent to Kenwood street.)	
Wordsworth street, Saratoga street to Pope street. "323"	2,500
West Bourne street, Cornell street to Beech street. "323"	2,455
Tenean creek, between Rosemont and Shawmut Branch Railroad	23,000
Tenean creek, between Brent and Kenwood streets	26,000
Total	\$801,963

The above is the list of streets that has been passed upon up to the present time, and our calculations were to have these streets built with our own men as fast as this could be done. In this list are all "323" streets that this division has any record of.

I understand that the Street Commissioners have laid out, or are about to lay out quite a number of streets that come under the \$1,600,000 loan of last year. None of these streets are included in this list as I understand. I would state that what we would consider the most important for the balance of the year to be done, would be covered in this list, as I think that this amount of streets would more than cover the available money we have for building streets during the ensuing year.

I would state also that there are probably before this division at the present time, more than \$2,000,000 worth of petitions for sewers and surface drains, and for alterations and rebuildings of the sewerage system, which have been advocated by this division.

The amount of money on Bennington-street boulevard to be expended this year is almost impossible to make allowance for, as we are unable to tell at the present time how much of this avenue we will be able to get at, but it ought to be in the neighborhood of \$50,000, as an estimate to construct the sewers on this boulevard is, in round numbers, \$80,000. Of course, in this Bennington-street boulevard, no mention is made of the construction of the intercepting sewer to take the drainage from the Bennington-street boulevard, Orient Heights, to the pumping station of the Metropolitan sewerage works on Chelsea street, at Chelsea creek. This interceptor, I understand, has been virtually abandoned on account of the great cost it would put this division to; and money will be asked for the building of this and the other two interceptors in East Boston by a loan from the Legislature, which asks for \$1,000,000 outside the debt limit.

I think myself that one of the most important pieces of work to be done this year is the building of the Stony brook channel, from the Boston Belting Company to the Back Bay Fens; and the construction of this channel includes the house drains, so as to intercept the sewage from flowing into these channels. The estimate for the construction of this part of the channel was something like \$250,000.

I would also advocate the building of what is known as "the foul-water channel" from the new Stony brook channel to the old Stony brook channel on the Back Bay Fens. The estimate to merely build the channel was \$50,000.

Also one of the most necessary pieces of sewerage work in the city would be the extension of what is called the West Roxbury low level sewer through the Stony brook valley, so as to furnish house drainage. This was originally designed to follow on the haunch of the Stony brook conduit; but on account of the condition of the city finances it may be some time before this can be extended up the valley, so that it could be of use to the people. I think it would be well to start this at Washington street and Keyes street, as the intention is to ask for money to build Stony brook channel to this place; and in building the channel, we would carry the West Roxbury low level sewer to this point.

Also, it would be well, wherever we have made takings for the extension of our large surface drains, to excavate a channel through them to as great a depth as possible, so as to give relief to these districts.

I also wish to call your attention to the necessity of what is known as the "Goldsmith brook," in West Roxbury, to the park during the coming season. Also to the necessity of extending what is known as the "Franklin Field Fork," Canterbury Branch of Stony brook, corner of Callendar street and Lyons street, through Lyons street to the Park, and around the park to Blue Hill avenue.

Yours respectfully,

C. R. CUTTER, Deputy Superintendent.

The following is the financial summary of my communication of January 4:

\$125,000 — Payment on contract, pumping sewerage engine No. 5.	
75,000 — Contracts at Moon Island and Main Drainage Works.	
15,000 — Surveys in charge of Street Commissioners.	
100,000 — Reserve for land takings and damages.	
75,000 — For payment of hold backs on contracts and bills incurred during month of January, 1900.	
50,000 — For payment of contracts now in progress of construction.	
75,000 — For payment of engineering force.	
180,436 — To finish work in progress.	
786,919 — Estimate to construct work ordered by Street Commissioners at present time.	
541,286 — Estimate of petitions for work before this division at present time.	
500,000 — Approximate estimate of the construction of sewers on the loan of Street Commissioners of \$1,600,000.	
150,000 — Approximate estimate for the necessary work that will be ordered by Street Commissioners during the year.	
50,000 — For the construction of foul-water channel connecting Stony brook with Back Bay Fens.	
250,000 — For the reconstruction of Stony brook and the separation of house sewers, from Linden Park street to Back Bay Fens.	

\$2,973,641

The following money it will be necessary to raise by special act of Legislature:

\$1,000,000 — For three interceptors in East Boston, to prevent pollution of the harbor.	
500,000 — For the extension of Stony brook.	

\$4,473,641

I would state that there is a bill before the Legislature for the protection of the open channel of Muddy river from pollution. The estimated cost of this is \$316,000. This is to be divided approximately between the City of Boston and the Town of Brookline, their portions being:

City of Boston	\$101,120
Town of Brookline	214,880

Yours truly,

C. R. CUTTER, Deputy Superintendent.

In connection with the message was the following:

Ordered, That the sum of \$1,000,000 be appropriated for the construction of sewerage works, under the provisions of Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on the request of the Mayor, bonds of the city to said amount for said purpose.

The order was passed unanimously
Sent up.

Statement of Sinking-funds.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 11, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: The statement required from the Board of Sinking-fund Commissioners, under Statute 1891, Chapter 93, is transmitted herewith. It is recommended that the statement be referred to the Joint Committee on Finance.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

COMMISSIONERS OF SINKING-FUNDS.

City Hall, January 8, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 93, Acts of 1891, it is estimated that the amount which the city will be able to borrow during the present municipal year within the debt limit established by law is \$1,325,255.40, as per schedule annexed.

Respectfully,

NATHANIEL J. RUST,
U. K. PETTINGILL,
FRANK G. WEBSTER,
EDWARD H. DUNN,
J. H. O'NEIL,

Commissioners of Sinking-funds.

ALFRED T. TURNER, City Treasurer.

JAMES H. DODGE, City Auditor.

Total Debt, City and County . .	\$84,486,578 98
Less special loans (outside limit) .	\$34,937,450 00
Cochituate Water Debt	17,306,273 98
County Debt (outside limit) .	2,921,000 00
	55,164,723 98

Sinking-funds .	\$27,556,597 27
Certain Sinking-funds *	16,492,083 35
	11,064,513 92

Debt, excluding debts outside of limit, and deducting sinking-funds for said debt	\$18,257,341 08
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Two per cent. on \$1,007,017,-
424, valuation for five years,
less abatements \$20,140,348 48
Debt as above 18,257,341 08

Right to borrow January 1, 1900, \$1,883,007 40
April 1, 1900, interest on invest-
ments 133,150 00
May 1, 1900, interest on invest-
ments 4,470 00
June 1, 1900, interest on invest-
ments 1,143 00
July 1, 1900, interest on invest-
ments 46,243 00
October 1, 1900, interest on invest-
ments 133,150 00
October 1, 1900, debt paid from
appropriation (inside limit) . . 17,000 00
November 1, 1900, appropri-
ation for debt (inside limit) . . 1,039,196 00
November 1, 1900, interest on
investments 4,470 00
December 1, 1900, interest on invest-
ments 1,143 00
December 31, 1900, interest on
bank deposits 16,040 00
January 31, 1901, interest on invest-
ments 46,243 00

\$3,325,255 40
Less loans authorized, but not
negotiated (inside limit) . . 2,000,000 00
\$1,325,255 40

* Cochituate Water sinking-fund \$9,839,099.00; special
loans sinking-funds, \$6,074,275.48; County Court House
sinking-fund, \$548,707.97.

Referred to the Committee on Finance
when appointed.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS RECORDS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

The Common Council at its meeting on
Thursday evening, January 11, voted to ap-
prove the records of the meeting held on
Monday, January 1, 1900, by a vote of
thirty-nine in the affirmative, thirty-one in
the negative and five members absent or not
voting. By this action the Council sought
to confirm the election of Mr. Daniel J.
Kiley as President, concerning the legality
of which there has been some question and
discussion.

ELECTION OF CLERK OF THE COM- MON COUNCIL.

At the meeting of the Common Council,
held Thursday evening, January 11, 1900,
Mr. Joseph O'Kane was re-elected Clerk,
receiving sixty-nine votes as against four
votes cast for Mr. Timothy E. McCarthy.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1899.

The following is a statement by the
Health Department of deaths for the month
of December, 1899, with an enumeration of
the principal causes:

Population estimated at 541,827
Death rate for the month, per 1,000
inhabitants 22.88
Death rate for corresponding month,
1898 21.64

Number of deaths:	
Males	523
Females	510
	1,033
Condition:	
Married	337
Single	512
Widows	115
Widowers	59
Unknown	10
Color:	
White	1,006
Colored	27
Deaths of children:	
Under 1 year	199
Under 2 years	256
Under 5 years	314
Deaths by diarrhoeal diseases:	
Under 1 year	1
Under 2 years	1
Under 5 years	2
All ages	2
Nativity:	
United States	668
Ireland	192
England	28
Scotland	9
Germany	12
British America	58
Italy	11
Russia	9
Other countries	27
Unknown	19
Parentage:	
American	228
Irish	353
English	26
Scotch	7
German	19
British American	55
Italian	39
Russian	38
Other countries	68
Mixed	85
Unknown	115
Still-births during the month	39

Causes of Death.

I. ZYMOTICS.	
Alcoholism	4
Croup	3
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	5
Diarrhoea	1
Dysentery	1
Diphtheria	39
Erysipelas	4
Intermittent fever	1
Puerperal fever	1
Rheumatism	3
Scarlatina	20
Syphilis (congenital)	2
Syphilis	1
Septicæmia	5
Typhoid fever	10
Whooping-cough	1
	101
II. CONSTITUTIONAL.	
Cancer	35
Hydrocephalus and tubercular men- ingitis	12
Marasmus, scrofula and tabes mes- enterica	24
Phthisis pulmonalis	102
Other Constitutional diseases	20
	193
III. LOCAL.	
Apoplexy	51
Bright's disease	14
Bronchitis	50
Heart disease	101
Meningitis	16
Nephritis	25
Pleurisy	2
Pneumonia	178
Other Local diseases	158
	595

IV. DEVELOPMENTAL.

Inanition	14
Old age	18
Premature birth	14
Puerperal diseases (not including puerperal fever)	2
Other Developmental diseases	26
	74
V. VIOLENT.	
Accidental	52
Homicidal	1
Suicidal	5
Other Violent causes	1
	59
Unknown causes	11

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promul-
gated by the Board of Police:

General Order No. 653.

January 3, 1900.

I. In the matter of the complaint made
against Patrolman Leon M. Harris, of Di-
vision 16, for violation of Rule XXVI. of
the Police Manual, to wit: Conduct unbe-
coming an officer, in that on October 14,
1899, he assaulted Howard Cole with his
club, the Board finds the said Patrolman
Leon M. Harris guilty as charged in the com-
plaint and sentences him to be dismissed
from the police force of the City of Boston.

II. In the matter of the complaint made
by J. H. Greene against Patrolman John A.
McDonald, of Division 2, for violation of
Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, the
Board finds the said Patrolman McDonald
not guilty and orders the complaint to be
dismissed.

January 11, 1900.

General Order No. 654.

I. Patrolman Robert Carroll, of Division
2, having performed faithful service in the
Police Department for twenty-five and eight-
twelfths years, and having been pronounced
physically incapacitated by the physician to
the Board of Health, it is hereby ordered, His
Honor the Mayor having approved the same,
that the said Patrolman Robert Carroll be
retired from active service and placed upon
a pension-roll with pay at the rate of \$600
per annum, being one-half of the annual
compensation received by him in the office
from which he is retired.

II. Patrolman Clark T. Tripp, of Divi-
sion 9, having performed faithful service in
the Police Department for twenty-seven
years, and having arrived at the age of sixty-
five years, it is, therefore, hereby ordered,
His Honor the Mayor having approved the
same, that the said Patrolman Clark T. Tripp
be retired from active service and placed
upon a pension-roll with pay at the rate of
\$600 per annum, being one-half of the
amount of compensation received by him in
the office from which he is retired.

III. This order will take effect at roll-
call, 5.45 o'clock, this afternoon.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the
Chamber of Commerce was held on Janu-
ary 16, 1900. Mr. William H. Lincoln was
elected President, to succeed Mr. Wallace F.
Robinson. The limit of membership, 1,000,
has now been reached.

**OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES CAST AT THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION, DECEMBER 12, 1899
FOR OR AGAINST THE QUESTION:**

"Shall Chapter 398 of the Acts of the year 1899, entitled, 'An Act to authorize the replacing of street car tracks on Boylston and Tremont Streets in the City of Boston' be accepted?"

Wards.	Precinct 1.		Precinct 2.		Precinct 3.		Precinct 4.		Precinct 5.		Precinct 6.		Precinct 7.		Precinct 8.		Precinct 9.		Totals.	
	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.
1 . .	162	122	181	154	242	180	232	151	259	136	183	189	278	193	252	187	82	96	1,871	1,408
2 . .	245	171	188	127	269	135	238	130	196	114	226	134	266	158	267	229	.....	.....	1,895	1,198
3 . .	117	248	160	292	127	267	193	311	168	288	160	194	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	925	1,600
4 . .	145	235	88	190	165	245	140	238	158	197	138	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	834	1,255
5 . .	106	259	163	281	154	232	105	196	162	284	155	170	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	845	1,422
6 . .	151	150	184	229	196	195	185	122	194	205	91	162	152	244	121	173	.....	.....	1,274	1,480
7 . .	73	185	118	187	152	121	73	145	102	325	137	235	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	655	1,198
8 . .	205	294	118	288	84	272	162	361	141	390	172	390	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	882	1,995
9 . .	169	265	136	315	199	210	105	343	109	271	87	202	96	339	.....	.....	.....	.....	901	1,945
10 . .	60	182	94	200	73	171	82	137	68	131	95	212	141	300	145	332	95	181	853	1,846
11 . .	66	275	95	234	70	289	45	376	42	266	51	212	65	264	48	254	65	261	547	2,431
12 . .	160	234	138	237	88	232	128	296	124	232	159	360	166	289	.....	.....	.....	.....	963	1,880
13 . .	133	233	284	105	141	213	178	193	118	252	84	236	141	241	125	202	.....	.....	1,204	1,675
14 . .	218	366	169	335	102	249	86	285	115	330	95	291	128	344	152	297	.....	.....	1,065	2,497
15 . .	65	161	112	267	100	266	79	263	103	289	78	256	82	298	98	268	.....	.....	717	2,068
16 . .	83	264	102	335	111	415	107	372	116	291	68	335	208	345	.....	.....	.....	.....	795	2,357
17 . .	131	201	138	204	116	232	157	294	105	229	78	230	111	269	134	360	87	287	1,057	2,306
18 . .	230	249	171	270	183	269	200	329	240	337	216	348	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,240	1,802
19 . .	124	285	118	263	193	317	165	291	120	229	158	283	198	398	173	319	.....	.....	1,249	2,385
20 . .	122	466	128	494	133	353	145	315	179	465	150	494	162	423	127	448	.....	.....	1,146	3,458
21 . .	135	279	156	305	139	158	128	300	183	248	135	284	197	338	166	359	187	305	1,426	2,576
22 . .	196	473	155	334	126	268	159	344	135	375	69	302	87	348	176	332	.....	.....	1,103	2,776
23 . .	69	242	166	250	140	237	140	296	125	447	77	398	74	296	100	303	53	209	944	2,678
24 . .	107	305	89	311	135	406	87	316	74	316	91	303	146	384	111	525	96	352	936	3,218
25 . .	112	356	160	297	100	270	76	300	103	330	143	328	145	308	.....	.....	.....	.....	839	2,189
Grand totals																			26,166	51,643

LINUS E. PEARSON,
TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,
GEORGE P. SANGER,
JOHN H. DONOVAN,
Board of Election Commissioners.

OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES CAST AT THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION, DECEMBER 12, 1899, FOR OR AGAINST THE QUESTION:

"Shall Chapter 344 of the Acts of the Year 1899, entitled 'An Act to make eight hours a day's work for city and town employees' be accepted"?

Wards.	Precinct 1.		Precinct 2.		Precinct 3.		Precinct 4.		Precinct 5.		Precinct 6.		Precinct 7.		Precinct 8.		Precinct 9.		Totals.	
	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.
1 . .	217	56	231	83	299	94	266	92	298	71	345	28	390	66	384	47	134	37	2,564	574
2 . .	385	24	288	19	355	34	309	33	283	23	321	29	399	29	412	76	.....	.....	2,752	267
3 . .	273	80	404	45	344	52	459	31	418	32	336	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,234	264
4 . .	324	45	217	45	293	88	301	57	318	32	233	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,686	309
5 . .	275	70	359	69	368	17	240	48	382	65	287	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,911	289
6 . .	286	21	370	44	339	41	296	27	357	44	184	55	330	44	266	23	.....	.....	2,428	299
7 . .	193	43	252	55	269	56	170	34	411	22	327	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,622	247
8 . .	455	39	346	52	264	73	467	52	479	46	494	74	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,505	336
9 . .	379	45	387	45	390	22	399	41	289	63	236	54	388	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,468	310
10 . .	173	61	236	44	174	50	170	63	146	42	181	106	250	165	303	142	175	89	1,808	762
11 . .	238	75	288	36	252	90	226	170	94	187	109	132	110	195	78	190	115	181	1,510	1,256
12 . .	239	125	225	129	251	63	291	98	250	79	447	67	342	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,045	608
13 . .	332	26	349	45	325	25	366	23	342	30	275	40	356	24	298	28	.....	.....	2,643	241
14 . .	504	68	462	46	306	44	308	58	342	87	309	61	402	60	378	63	.....	.....	3,011	487
15 . .	200	26	339	33	306	57	276	65	331	53	259	66	303	67	315	46	.....	.....	2,329	413
16 . .	305	41	382	58	418	100	363	92	282	97	218	150	474	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,442	603
17 . .	309	27	303	39	248	84	346	90	286	39	274	37	347	29	426	67	301	60	2,840	472
18 . .	429	40	389	33	373	75	439	75	489	40	482	83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,601	346
19 . .	337	70	329	54	463	39	407	46	290	56	353	102	531	65	433	56	.....	.....	3,143	488
20 . .	430	124	413	182	345	121	390	61	451	153	436	188	383	166	356	183	.....	.....	3,204	1,178
21 . .	296	100	334	106	205	79	280	125	314	96	232	160	381	129	284	200	305	161	2,631	1,156
22 . .	475	171	434	45	238	52	350	133	397	96	236	112	256	151	394	97	.....	.....	2,780	857
23 . .	163	139	343	70	314	57	357	75	425	119	333	124	259	100	210	160	188	59	2,592	903
24 . .	330	86	302	90	365	162	272	116	245	127	277	101	342	156	464	153	301	124	2,898	1,115
25 . .	338	101	284	150	245	103	317	45	322	94	347	104	336	106	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,189	703
Grand totals																			60,836	14,483

LINUS E. PEARSON,
TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,
GEORGE P. SANGER,
JOHN H. DONOVAN,
Board of Election Commissioners.

OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES CAST AT THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION, DECEMBER 12, 1899, FOR OR AGAINST THE QUESTION:

"Shall Licenses be Granted for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in this City"?

Wards.	Precinct 1.		Precinct 2.		Precinct 3.		Precinct 4.		Precinct 5.		Precinct 6.		Precinct 7.		Precinct 8.		Precinct 9.		Totals.	
	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.
1 . .	143	138	129	194	193	217	180	200	219	175	274	100	308	156	292	152	92	86	1,830	1,418
2 . .	276	136	209	100	309	95	263	110	220	89	247	116	298	142	376	112	.....	.....	2,198	900
3 . .	190	174	265	188	237	159	347	158	312	136	289	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,640	890
4 . .	220	155	163	116	248	151	241	128	247	109	196	87	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,315	746
5 . .	215	144	308	134	298	98	208	87	304	140	238	91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,571	694
6 . .	185	123	317	101	273	101	237	97	308	98	158	87	308	75	213	71	.....	.....	1,999	753
7 . .	177	77	174	137	249	109	136	79	286	148	237	115	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,259	665
8 . .	373	119	283	132	200	156	392	130	404	122	405	171	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,057	830
9 . .	306	129	302	132	304	112	268	172	247	126	177	118	264	155	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,868	944
10 . .	173	72	182	111	136	107	156	95	133	64	183	112	316	114	294	176	161	110	1,734	961
11 . .	175	159	236	93	224	129	300	112	256	51	208	51	249	76	244	51	251	67	2,143	789
12 . .	225	162	216	160	196	130	242	168	206	145	340	180	263	131	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,688	1,076
13 . .	235	140	265	117	215	129	273	123	209	157	175	144	253	130	220	124	.....	.....	1,845	1,064
14 . .	360	223	321	179	229	125	236	134	229	210	209	175	277	185	263	190	.....	.....	2,124	1,421
15 . .	140	94	240	140	216	155	187	157	236	156	203	132	217	164	227	140	.....	.....	1,666	1,138
16 . .	195	150	288	149	310	225	272	185	236	163	215	181	376	172	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,892	1,225
17 . .	222	126	237	109	210	135	267	177	202	139	200	111	237	143	304	198	215	161	2,094	1,299
18 . .	309	170	281	156	294	158	333	195	376	224	330	229	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,923	1,132
19 . .	285	127	234	144	368	132	328	129	236	113	330	115	441	154	386	115	.....	.....	2,608	1,029
20 . .	327	257	346	277	274	211	260	199	379	251	321	324	305	275	318	245	.....	.....	2,530	2,039
21 . .	207	204	313	143	194	93	246	172	249	183	229	188	336	193	346	170	295	187	2,415	1,533
22 . .	455	215	353	142	279	114	303	194	361	144	228	138	230	195	345	160	.....	.....	2,554	1,302
23 . .	192	124	259	158	252	119	258	183	320	238	246	229	197	174	204	198	165	100	2,093	1,523
24 . .	245	171	168	224	255	281	228	179	222	170	223	164	250	280	293	358	251	189	2,135	2,016
25 . .	261	199	264	180	186	170	267	109	256	164	257	211	310	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,801	1,183
Grand totals																			48,982	28,570

LINUS E. PEARSON,
TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,
GEORGE P. SANGER,
JOHN H. DONOVAN,
Board of Election Commissioners.

Board Meetings.

Children's Institutions Department.

The following is an abstract of the records of recent meetings of the Children's Institutions Trustees:

On November 23, 1899, it was voted that the shoe-shop at Rainsford's Island be opened to fill orders for the House of Reformation and the Parental School, and that \$100 worth of leather be bought in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent.

It was also voted that a special committee of two, beside the Chairman, be appointed by the Chair to consider the subject of manual training at Rainsford's Island. The Chair appointed Dr. Putnam and Mr. Bruen.

On December 13, 1899, it was voted that the question of preparing the annual budget for 1900 be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and report.

Voted, That Mr. O'Hare be authorized to arrange for the removal of the organ from Marcella street to Rainsford Island at a sum not exceeding \$135, this to include the setting up and putting in order.

On December 21, 1899, Mr. Walter J. Phelan, having been appointed by the Superintendent as head teacher at the House of Reformation, it was voted that this appointment be approved.

On December 27, 1899, the Chairman was requested to offer the thanks of the Trustees to the Penal Commissioner for his care of the boys temporarily at Deer Island.

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, Secretary.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 32 Tremont street, on Thursday, January 11, 1900.

Present: Mrs. Marion, Messrs. Goddard and Sanderson, Drs. Baldwin and Knapp.

The records of the Institution's Conference were read.

The bills for the month, amounting to \$7,886.39, were referred to the Committee on Supplies, for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

The pay-rolls for the month, amounting to \$3,575.55, were referred to the Committee on Service, for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

It was voted that the Secretary be authorized to ask the Institutions Registrar that some method of keeping the roster of patients in the State Hospital be adopted whereby the Trustees could know promptly the number of Boston patients in each of the State Hospitals.

The bills for the board of insane in other hospitals were referred to the Committee on Insane in Other Hospitals, and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft.

The Superintendent read his report, which was accepted and placed on file.

The special draft of \$16.97 to be paid to the Superintendent, was authorized.

It was voted that the Chairman be authorized to sign the special draft of \$4,331.01 for the electric light plant if, after consultation with the Committee on Buildings and Grounds and the Electrical Division, the account appeared to be according to the contract.

It was voted that the transfer be asked of seven women patients to the State Hospitals.

The appointments of Olivia Wheaton as office attendant and Margaret E. McDonald as attendant were authorized.

The Committee on Insane in Other Hospitals recommended the transfer of Margaret E. Killion from the Medfield Insane Asylum to the Boston Insane Hospital, provided her friends would pay \$3.50 per week for her board.

The report of the Visiting Committee was accepted and placed on file.

It was voted that the Secretary be instructed to write to the Superintendent in regard to the condition of the corridors and water-closets in the men's department.

The purchase of two chairs, a writing desk and a rug for the reception room, and the necessary carpeting for the dormitories was authorized.

The changes in the "B" building were recommended.

The Mayor's Circular No. 1 was read, and the Chairman reported that the following statement has been made in reply to it:

Statement of finances of Boston Insane Hospital on December 31, 1899:

Appropriation for current expenses	\$120,000 00
Transferred December 27	500 00

Total	\$120,500 00
Bills presented	120,483 03

Balance	\$16 97
No bills approved remain unpaid.	

Appropriation for support of insane in State institutions	\$185,000 00
Transferred December 27	1,746 01

Total	\$186,746 01
Deficit of 1898	\$7,579 34
Bills presented, 1899	179,166 67

Balance	\$186,746 01
No bills approved remain unpaid.	

Special appropriation for repairs in "A" building	\$3,000 00
Bills presented	2,999 48

Balance	52
No bills approved remain unpaid.	

Special appropriation for electric light plant	\$16,500 00
Bills presented	5,466 76

Balance	\$11,033 24
No bills approved remain unpaid.	

The Secretary reported that a letter had been sent to the State Board of Insanity previous to their report, urging the needs of the Boston Insane Hospital, and that the Board had made recommendations concerning that hospital in their report.

The population on January 10, 1900, was as follows:

	Men.	Women.	Total.
In house	248	242	490
On visit	—	6	6
Total	248	248	496

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, December 22, 1899.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 3.30 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, DeNormandie, Bowditch, Dwight and Lincoln.

Received: Circular No. 70, from the Mayor; No. 71, from the Acting Mayor; a communication dated December 21, from the Mayor; the Acting Librarian's report.

Purchases authorized: Miscellaneous articles to the amount of \$525.80.

One special privilege card was granted.

The Committee, consisting of the President and Mr. Benton, to which was referred the request of the Mayor for estimates for the maintenance of this Department for the coming fiscal year, reported a recommendation; and it was

Voted, That the report of the committee be accepted and approved, and that the President be authorized to transmit such estimates to the Mayor as the response of the Board to the request contained in his circular.

Voted, To proceed to the choice of a Librarian by a viva voce vote.

Such vote being taken, Mr. James L. Whitney was unanimously chosen. (See THE CITY RECORD, Vol. II., No. 52, page 810.)

Voted, That when this meeting adjourn it be to meet on January 5, 1900, at 4.15 P.M.

Friday, January 5, 1900.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Bowditch, Dwight, DeNormandie and Lincoln.

Received: Circular No. 1 from the Mayor; a communication dated January 3 from Rev. Jesse H. Jones; the Librarian's report; the Auditor's monthly exhibit.

The President reported that he had transmitted to the Mayor, on December 28, the estimates for the maintenance of the Library Department for the coming fiscal year, amounting to \$287,028.97.

Salaries were fixed as follows: Executive department, Della Jean Deery and Lucie A. Learned, grade B special, \$15.50 each, January 1; issue department, Edna M. Hersey, grade D runner, \$5.50, January 1; Jean M. Bryce, grade D runner, \$5.50, January 14.

The Librarian reported specially on the gift of manuscripts and other documents from the estate of William W. Greenough; and it was

Voted, That acknowledgment be made to Mr. Charles P. Greenough for this gift.

Two special privilege cards were granted.

The President was authorized to receive from the City Treasurer and receipt for the interest due January 1, 1900, on various trust funds, the same to be placed to the credit of the Trustees.

Voted, That the President be authorized to draw upon the City Treasurer a special draft in favor of Messrs. J. S. Morgan & Co. of London, for the sum of \$5,000, income from the trust funds, to be placed to the credit of the Trustees.

Purchases authorized: Books chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$326; to

trust funds, \$326.71; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$29.51; to Station "P", \$19.18; also a copy of R. T. Haines Halsey's "Pictures of Early New York" at a cost of \$45; miscellaneous articles, \$307.55.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

FREEMAN VS. CITY OF BOSTON.

Following is the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Michael Freeman vs. City of Boston, in which the rulings of the Superior Court Judge denying a motion for a new trial were sustained:

HOLMES, C. J. It does not appear that the Judge exceeded his powers in refusing a new trial, whether he went on the ground that the newly discovered evidence was only cumulative, or on the ground of its relative importance, or rather unimportance, upon a general view of his whole case. He may also have found his photographs would be uninformative and misleading. See Behan vs. Williams, 123 Mass. 366.

Exceptions overruled, with double costs.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending January 13, 1900, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	22.5
Death rate for corresponding week, 1899	26.4
Number of deaths:	
Males	112
Females	128
Total	240
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1899	272
Decrease	32

Of the 240 decedents, 237 were white and 3 colored; 147 were born in the United States, 92 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 1 was unknown; 49 were of American parentage, 171 of foreign parentage and the percentage of 20 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	88	7
Scarlatina	30	5
Typhoid fever	5	5
Measles	59	1
Totals	182	18

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	22
Pneumonia	39
Heart disease	33
Bronchitis	8
Marasmus	6
Violent causes	8
Total from principal causes	116
Total from infectious diseases	18
Total from other causes	106
Total from all causes	240
Deaths of children under 1 year	39
Deaths of children under 5 years	55
Deaths of persons over 60 years	61
Deaths in public institutions	71

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

WIRE DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE.

By authority vested in the Commissioner of Wires by Chapter 454, of the Acts of 1894, and Chapter 249, of the Acts of 1898, the section of the City of Boston prescribed for this calendar year, namely, 1900, within which any poles or structures used in the streets, and all electric wires, cables and conductors, other than those that are excepted by said Chapters 454 and 249, shall be removed or placed underground, is that portion of Harrison avenue beginning at the southerly line of Dover street, extending to and ending at the northerly line of Northampton street, a distance of 4,435 feet. That portion of Dover street beginning at the westerly line of Albany street, extending to and ending at the easterly line of Tremont street, a distance of 1,995 feet. That portion of Wareham street beginning at the westerly side of Albany street, extending to and ending at the easterly side of Malden street, a distance of 645 feet. That portion of Concord street beginning at the westerly side of Albany street, extending to and ending at the easterly side of Shawmut avenue, a distance of 1,730 feet. That portion of Northampton street beginning at the westerly line of Albany street, extending to and ending at the easterly line of Shawmut avenue, a distance of 1,810 feet; a total of 10,615 feet, exceeding the amount (two miles) prescribed by Chapter 229 by fifty-six feet.

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner of Wires.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

32 Tremont Street, January 16, 1900.

Sealed proposals to supply the Penal Institutions of the City of Boston with granite, in accordance with specifications which may be obtained at the office of the Penal Institutions Commissioner, 32 Tremont street, Boston, will be received at said office until 12.30 P.M., January 22, 1900, at which place and time the same will be publicly opened.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

32 Tremont Street, January 16, 1900.

Sealed proposals to supply the Houses of Correction at Deer Island and South Boston, until February 1, 1901, with beef, mutton, fresh fish and salt fish, under separate contracts, in accordance with specifications which may be obtained at the office of the Penal Institutions Commissioner, 32 Tremont street, Boston, will be received at said office until 12.30 P.M., January 22, 1900, at which place and time the same will be publicly opened.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

CITY OF BOSTON.

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

PROPOSALS FOR COAL.

Boston, January 13, 1900.

The Trustees of the Boston City Hospital will receive sealed proposals for supplying the Hospital Department with 1,500 tons—2,240 pounds to the ton, more or less—of hard, or free, white ash, egg size, or hard or free, white ash, pea coal, to be delivered alongside of the coal-pocket at the City Hospital wharf, Roxbury Canal. Bidders must specify the kind or kinds of coal they propose to furnish, and the names of the mines from which the coal is taken. Delivery must be made within four weeks after award of contract. The relative value of the different kinds of coal offered will be considered in connection with the price.

Proposals to be addressed to "The Boston City Hospital, Proposals for Coal," and left at the Superintendent's office at the Hospital, not later than January 18, at 12 o'clock M., at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened. Each proposal must be accompanied by a properly certified check for five hundred (\$500) dollars, and a bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. The right is reserved by the Trustees to reject any and all bids.

Per order of the Trustees,

G. H. M. ROWE, Superintendent.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Boston, January 16, 1900.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to submit proposals to him at his office, 50 City Hall, Boston, Mass., before 12 M. of Monday, January 29, 1900, for building a sea wall on the westerly line of Dorchester avenue extension, adjoining Congress street, in accordance with plans and specifications to be seen at said office.

Proposals must be made on the forms to be provided, and must be accompanied by a certified check for one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, payable to the City of Boston; this check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named place and time, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, January 12, 1900.

The Water Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing to the City of Boston three thousand (3,000) tons of cast-iron water-pipes. A bond of twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars, with satisfactory surety, for faithfully doing the work, will be required. The office copy of the contract may be seen at the office of the Water Commissioner, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The proposal to be used can be obtained at said office, and must be filled out and signed as directed therein, enclosed in an envelope, and, with a certified check for one thousand (\$1,000) dollars, payable to the City of Boston, left at said office before 12 o'clock M. of Wednesday, January 24, 1900.

This check is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. Proposals filled out and left with check as above directed, and no others, will, at the above-named hour and place, be publicly opened and read, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city. Said envelope should be endorsed "Proposals for Cast-iron Water-pipe."

A. P. MARTIN, Water Commissioner.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

January 12, 1900.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the private ways known as Argyle street and Baker court, and part of the public way known as Germania street, at West Roxbury, be laid out as a highway, from Cornwall street to Boylston street, with the name of Haverford street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-sixth day of January, 1900, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

January 17, 1900.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the private way, at West Roxbury, known as Colberg avenue, be laid out, from Beech street to Cornell street, as a highway, with the name of Colberg street, and constructed by grading and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M. of the thirty-first day of January, 1900, and the office of this Board, as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.



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LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

The following bills and resolves concerning the City of Boston have been presented to the Massachusetts Legislature, and have been referred to appropriate committees:

In the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 22 was introduced on leave by Mr. Engstrom, of Boston; referred to the Committee on Manufactures. It is entitled: An Act to regulate the Price of Gas in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. No gas for illuminating or heating purposes shall hereafter be sold in the City of Boston at a price exceeding seventy-five cents per one thousand cubic feet of gas.

Sect. 2. This act shall not effect contracts made before the date of the passage of this act.

Sect. 3. The Supreme Judicial Court and the Superior Court shall have jurisdiction in equity to enforce the provisions of this act by bill brought by the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners, or by the Attorney-general, or by the Mayor of the City of Boston, or by any consumer of gas in said city.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 32 accompanies the petition of the South Bay Improvement Company by Robert W. Lord, Treasurer; referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled:

An Act to extend the time for filing Petitions for the Assessment of Damages accruing from the Alterations of the Grade Crossing of Dorchester avenue in the City of Boston and the Old Colony Railroad.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The time within which any party may file his petition in the Superior Court, for damages accruing from any change of grade of streets in connection with the abolition of the grade crossing of Dorchester avenue and the Old Colony Railroad under the provisions of Chapter 519 of the Acts of the year 1897, is hereby extended to the first day of July in the year 1900; and all petitions filed prior to that date although filed prior to the passage of this act shall be deemed duly filed. But interest shall not be reckoned upon damages in such cases before the petition is filed.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Resolve No. 33 accompanies the petition of John M. Berry for the State to assume the ownership of the Boston and Albany Railroad, under the provisions of its charter; it was referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled:

Resolve relative to the Assumption of Possession of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth.

Resolved, That the Governor and Council be requested to ascertain and report to the Legislature what legal measures it would be necessary to take to enable the Commonwealth to assume possession of the road of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, and all its franchise, property, rights and privileges, as provided for by Section 6 of Chapter 153 of the Acts of the year 1832, by Section 5 of Chapter 70 of the Acts of the year 1839, and by Section 4 of Chapter 270 of the Acts of the year 1867, or under any other powers reserved to the Commonwealth by law, with estimates as to what would be the probable cost of so doing.

House Bill No. 36 accompanies the petition of William Bliss; it was referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled:

An Act to authorize the Lease of the Boston and Albany Railroad to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The consent of the Commonwealth is hereby given to the contract and lease of the railroad, franchises and property

of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company and to a supplemental contract in connection therewith for the sale of certain of its assets, which contracts were made and entered into between the directors of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company and the directors of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company on the fifteenth day of November in the year 1899, and which were severally approved and adopted by the votes of stockholders owning more than two-thirds of the stock of each of said corporations which was represented and voted upon in person or by proxy at special meetings called separately for that purpose.

Sect. 2. By giving the consent aforesaid, the Commonwealth does not waive or release any rights which are reserved to it under the charter of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company or under the charters of any of its constituent or leased lines, or under any general law.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 37 accompanies the petition of William A. Gaston; referred to the Committee on Street Railways. It is entitled:

An Act relative to Appeals in case of the Taking of Land or Private Property by the Boston Elevated Railway Company and to confirm its Takings of Land or Private Property in the County of Suffolk.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Whenever the Boston Elevated Railway Company has heretofore taken or shall hereafter take land or private property, in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of Chapter 548 of the Acts of the year 1894, either party, if dissatisfied with the estimate of the County Commissioners or the Aldermen of the City of Boston, acting as County Commissioners for Suffolk County, may at any time within one year after the estimate is made, apply for a jury in the Superior Court in the county in which such land or private property is situated, to assess the damages occasioned by such taking, and upon such application, the proceedings shall be the same as are provided for the recovery of damages in the laying out of highways.

Sect. 2. The locations of the Boston Elevated Railway Company in the County of Suffolk, filed by said company with the Aldermen of the City of Boston, are hereby ratified and confirmed as valid locations and takings to all intents and purposes of the lands described in said locations and in the plans accompanying the same.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 97 was introduced on leave by Mr. Watson of Boston; it was referred

to the Committee on Manufactures. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Establishment of Gas and Electric Light Plants by the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The following question shall be submitted to the voters of the City of Boston at the city election in the present year: "Shall the City of Boston purchase or construct gas and electric light plants, and furnish gas and electricity for lighting, heating and other purposes to the citizens?"

Sect. 2. If the foregoing question receives the affirmative vote of a majority of the voters voting upon it, the City of Boston shall proceed with all reasonable diligence to purchase or construct gas and electric light plants, and to furnish the citizens with gas and electricity for lighting, heating and other purposes, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 370 of the Acts of the year 1891, and of all acts in amendment thereof.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Resolve No. 99 was introduced on leave by Mr. Carey of Haverhill; referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled: Resolve relative to the Purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth.

Whereas, It is provided in the charter of the corporations establishing the railroads now composing the Boston and Albany Railroad and in the charter of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may purchase the said railroads and all the franchises, property, rights and privileges of said corporations at a price to be ascertained as provided for in said charters; and,

Whereas, It appears that said properties are likely, unless taken by the Commonwealth, to pass into the hands and control of a foreign corporation, and other strong reasons render it advisable that the Commonwealth shall exercise its right to buy said properties and hold them in the interests of the people; it is therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Railroad Commissioners be, and hereby are, directed to ascertain as nearly as may be the amount for which the Commonwealth has the right to purchase said properties, and shall report without delay said amount, together with plans and terms and a system of administration for the operation of said railroads by the Commonwealth or temporarily by such lessees as it may select, together with all facts necessary for the information of the Commonwealth relative to the purchase of said railroads by it and the operation of the same, or to enable said purchase and operation to be carried into effect.

House Bill No. 114 accompanies the petition of Freeman O. Emerson; it was referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Nomination of Mayor in the City of Boston and Senators in the County of Suffolk.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Every nomination of a candidate for Mayor of the City of Boston and every nomination of a candidate for Senator in the several Suffolk districts, to be made

by a political party which at the preceding State election polled for Governor 3 per cent. of the entire votes cast in the State for that office, shall be made only by direct plurality vote at party caucuses held for the nomination of a candidate for Mayor in the several wards of said city, or for the nomination of a candidate for Senator in the several wards and towns in which the candidates are to be voted for at the election thereof, as the case may be, and the name of a person who is a candidate for Mayor or Senator, who in the aggregate of all the votes cast for Mayor in the several wards of the city or for Senator in the several wards and towns comprising the senatorial district, as the case may be, shall receive the highest number of votes so cast shall have his name placed on the official ballot as the nominee of such party for Mayor of said city or for Senator in such district, as the case may be.

Sect. 2. Nomination papers for the nomination of Mayor to be voted for at such caucuses shall contain the signatures of not less than five registered voters of each ward of the city, each voter to be a member of the political party holding such caucuses.

Sect. 3. The nomination papers of every candidate for Senator to be voted for at a caucus in the City of Boston, or in any city or town in the County of Suffolk which has adopted the provisions of Chapter 548 of the Acts of the year 1898, shall contain the signatures of not less than five registered voters of each ward of a city and of each town in the senatorial district for which the nomination is to be made, each voter to be a member of the political party holding such caucus.

Sect. 4. The name of every candidate for Senator to be voted for at such caucuses shall be printed on a separate ballot in all wards and towns other than Boston.

Sect. 5. All provisions of law relating to the preparation of ballots and to caucuses and elections, and the votes cast therein, applicable to, and not inconsistent with, the provisions of this act shall apply to ballots and caucuses for the nomination of Mayor and Senators as aforesaid.

Sect. 6. All ballots and returns for such candidates shall be returned to the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston as ballots and returns of elections in said city are returned, and said Board shall have the same powers and perform the same duties in relation to the counting, tabulating and determining the results of the votes cast at such caucuses for such candidates as they have in relation to the votes cast at elections in the several precincts of said city; and said Board shall place on the official ballots to be used at municipal elections in said city the names of all candidates for Mayor nominated as aforesaid, and shall certify and file with the Secretary of the Commonwealth certificates of nomination of all candidates for Senator nominated as aforesaid; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall place on the proper official ballots to be used at State elections the names of all candidates for Senator nominated as aforesaid.

Sect. 7. The member of the State committee of any such political party for each Suffolk senatorial district shall be chosen by the delegates elected to attend the annual State convention of such party who are residents of such district or substitutes for such residents.

Sect. 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 160 accompanies the petition of Isaac P. Hutchinson and others; referred to the Committee on Liquor Law. It is entitled:

An Act to provide for the Appointment of a Police Commissioner and a Board of Excise Commissioners for the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Governor of the Commonwealth, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint a citizen of Boston to the office of Police Commissioner for the City of Boston, and who shall be sworn before entering upon the duties of his office. Said Police Commissioner shall be vested with all power and authority over the police officers of the City of Boston that is now vested in the Board of Police of said city, and shall perform all duties relating to the police affairs of the City of Boston now performed by said Board of Police. His term of office shall be three years from the first Monday of January, 1901, but he may be removed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council for such cause as the Governor shall deem sufficient and shall express in the order of removal.

Sect. 2. The annual salary of the said Commissioner shall be \$4,000, which shall be paid in equal monthly instalments from the treasury of the City of Boston.

Sect. 3. The Governor of the Commonwealth with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint four citizens of Boston, and they shall be so selected that two shall always be of the political parties which at the annual State election next preceding their appointment cast the largest vote for Governor, and two will be of the political party which cast the next largest vote for Governor, who shall have been residents and legal voters therein five years immediately preceding the date of their appointment, who shall constitute a Board of Excise for said city, and who shall be sworn before entering upon the duties of their office. One member of said Board shall be designated by the Governor as Chairman, and three shall constitute a quorum. Their terms of office shall be so arranged and designated at the time of appointment that the term of one member shall expire on the first Monday of January, 1901; one on the first Monday of January, 1902; one on the first Monday of January, 1903; and one on the first Monday of January, 1904. The full term of office after these dates shall be four years, and all vacancies occurring after the passage of this act shall be filled by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council. A member of said Board may be removed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, for such cause as he shall deem sufficient and shall express in the order of removal. The Board of Excise shall appoint a clerk who shall be sworn, who shall keep record of all proceedings, issue all notices and attest such papers and orders as said Board shall direct, whose term of office shall be three years; but he may be removed by said Board for such cause as it shall deem sufficient and shall express in its order of removal after hearing has been given by the Board.

Sect. 4. The Board of Excise shall have authority to grant and issue annually licenses to persons applying for the same for

the purpose of exposing, selling and keeping for sale spirituous and intoxicating liquors, and said Board shall have all the powers and authority now vested in the Board of Police for the City of Boston, by the Statutes of the Commonwealth, or by the ordinances, by-laws, rules and regulations of said city for the purpose of granting and issuing licenses for the sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquors.

Sect. 5. The Board of Police shall detail such number of police officers as said Board of Excise may desire, not exceeding twenty-five at any one time, to the exclusive service and direction of said Board of Excise, for the purpose of enforcing the laws and ordinances relating to the management and conduct of the business carried on under licenses issued by said Board of Excise as enumerated in Section 2 of this act. Such officers so detailed shall continue to perform the duties aforesaid until dismissed by said Excise Board; but no police officer so detailed by said Board of Police for service under above provision shall serve more than thirty consecutive days at any one time.

Sect. 6. The annual salary of the Chairman of said Board of Excise shall be \$4,500 that of the other members \$4,000, of its clerk, \$3,000, which shall be paid monthly from the treasury of the City of Boston.

Sect. 7. The City of Boston shall provide suitable rooms and accommodations for said Board of Excise as said Board shall require. All expenses for the maintenance and all incidental expenses incurred in the administration of the duties of the said Board of Excise shall be paid by the City of Boston.

Sect. 8. The Board of Excise shall make a detailed report of its doings quarterly to the Mayor of said city, and annually to the Governor of the Commonwealth in the month of December. The records of said Board shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Governor of the Commonwealth and the Mayor of the City of Boston, or by such officials as may be designated by them.

Sect. 9. In all matters to be decided by said Board of Excise a vote of three members shall be decision of the matter in question; if in any case two of said members shall vote in the affirmative on any matter so coming before said Board for decision and two shall vote in the negative, any member of said Board shall have the right to call in the Police Commissioner of the City of Boston, who, after hearing the matter in controversy, shall cast the deciding vote.

Sect. 10. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed; provided, that nothing herein contained shall effect any prosecution pending or any default incurred before this act takes effect.

House Bill No. 161 was introduced on leave by Mr. Engstrom of Boston; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

An Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur Indebtedness outside its Debt Limit to erect School-houses in Ward Twenty-two in said city.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston, for the purpose of erecting two school buildings in Ward 22 of said city, may incur indebtedness from time to time to an amount not exceeding \$250,000 beyond the limit of in-

debtedness fixed by law for said city, and for said purpose the City Treasurer of said city is hereby authorized to issue from time to time, as the Mayor of said city may request, bonds or certificates of indebtedness not exceeding said amount, to bear interest, payable semi-annually, at such rates, not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum, as shall be fixed by said city. Said bonds or certificates of indebtedness shall be issued and disposed of in such amounts, in such modes and at such times and prices as the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, shall from time to time determine. The Sinking-fund Commissioners of said city shall, upon the issue of any of the said bonds or certificates of indebtedness, establish a sinking-fund, and determine the amount to be paid thereon each year, so that the fund shall be sufficient with its accumulations to extinguish the debt at maturity, and the Treasurer of said city shall pay to said Commissioners any price received by the city in the negotiation of any such bonds or certificates of indebtedness.

Sect. 2. The School Committee of the City of Boston shall have full power and control of the design, construction, erection and furnishing of said school buildings, which will be erected with the proceeds of the loan herein authorized.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 179 was introduced on leave by Mr. Borofsky of Boston; referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen in Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 355 of the Acts of the year 1899 is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following: The Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston shall consist of fourteen members. The Chairman shall be elected by the voters of the city at large. He shall have no vote at meetings of the Board, except in case of a tie vote, and then he shall have a casting vote. His salary shall be \$2,500 per annum. The remainder of the Board shall be elected in districts composed as follows:

Sect. 2. Section 2 of said chapter is hereby amended by inserting at the beginning thereof the following: The qualified voters of the whole city, at every annual municipal election, shall give in their ballots for a qualified voter of the city for Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, and the candidate receiving the greatest number of ballots shall be elected Chairman — so as to read as follows:

Section 2. The qualified voters of the whole city, at every annual municipal election, shall give in their ballots for a qualified voter of the city for Chairman of the Board of Aldermen; and the candidate receiving the greatest number of such ballots shall be elected Chairman. The qualified voters of each district at every annual municipal election shall give in their ballots for qualified voters of the district for aldermen, to the number to be elected therein as hereinbefore specified, and the candidate receiving the greatest number of such ballots shall be elected alderman, except that in the fourth district and in the ninth district the person

receiving the greatest number of such ballots, and the person receiving the next greatest number of such ballots, shall be elected aldermen.

Sect. 3. Section 4 of said chapter is hereby amended by inserting at the beginning thereof the following: Nominations for candidates for Chairman of the Board of Aldermen shall be made in party conventions in the same manner prescribed by law for nominating candidates for Mayor; and vacancies shall be filled in the same manner prescribed by law when a nomination for Mayor becomes vacant — also by inserting after the word "for," in the first line thereof the word — district — so as to read as follows:

Section 4. Nominations for candidates for Chairman of the Board of Aldermen shall be made in party conventions in the same manner prescribed by law for nominating candidates for Mayor; and vacancies shall be filled in the same manner prescribed by law when a nomination for Mayor becomes vacant. Every nomination of a candidate for district alderman to be made by a political party which at the preceding State election polled for Governor 3 per cent. of all the votes cast in the State for that office, shall be made by direct plurality vote at party caucuses held in the several wards in the districts in which the candidates are to be voted for at the election, and the name of the person who in the aggregate of all the votes cast in a district for alderman receives the greatest number of such votes, shall have his name placed on the official election ballot as the candidate of the party for alderman of that district, except that in the fourth and ninth districts provided for by this act the person receiving the greatest number of such votes and the person receiving the next greatest number of such votes shall have their names so placed.

Sect. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 180 was introduced on leave by Mr. Borofsky of Boston; referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the President of the Common Council of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. In addition to the members of the Common Council of the City of Boston now provided for by law, there shall be elected by the voters at large at every annual municipal election a member who shall be the President of the Common Council, having all the powers and duties now belonging to that office, except that he shall have no vote at the meetings of the Council, save in case of a tie, and then he shall have the casting vote. His salary shall be \$1,500 per annum.

Sect. 2. The qualified voters of the City of Boston at every annual municipal election shall give in their ballots for a qualified voter of the city for President of the Common Council; and the candidate receiving the greatest number of such ballots shall be the President of the Common Council for the ensuing year.

Sect. 3. Nominations for candidates for President of the Common Council shall be made in party conventions in the same manner prescribed by law for nominating candi-

dates for Mayor; and vacancies shall be filled in the same manner prescribed by law for nominating candidates for Mayor; and vacancies shall be filled in the same manner prescribed by law when a nomination for Mayor becomes vacant.

Sect. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 192 accompanies the petition of James F. Dickey; referred to the Committee on Insurance. It is entitled: An Act to Incorporate the Boston Life Assurance Company.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. William Cogswell, Henry B. Dillenback, James F. Dickey and George W. Anderson, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of Boston Life Assurance Company, to be located in the City of Boston, and said corporation is hereby granted all the powers, rights and privileges, and is made subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in all general laws now or hereafter in force applicable to domestic life insurance corporations, and not inconsistent with this act.

Sect. 2. There shall be an original guaranty capital stock of the said corporation of \$500,000 divided into shares of \$100 each, at least one-half of which shall be subscribed and paid in money before the said corporation shall go into operation for the purpose of making insurance. The balance of the said stock may be subscribed and called in by the directors from time to time when they deem it necessary or expedient.

Sect. 3. At the first meeting of the corporation eight directors shall be chosen by the subscribers to the guaranty capital stock, who shall hold their offices for one year and until others shall be chosen in their stead. At all subsequent elections of directors, the number shall be such as may be provided by by-law of the corporation, and, in case of no provision on this subject, the number shall be eight; one-half of whom shall be elected by the subscribers to the guaranty capital stock, and the other half by the assured, voting in separate bodies. The directors shall all be either stockholders or assured, and, on ceasing to be such, shall cease to hold such office.

Sect. 4. Whenever the net surplus of the said corporation shall be sufficient for the purpose, the stockholders shall be entitled to an annual dividend of eight per cent. and, in case of such dividend not being made in any one year, it shall be made good at a subsequent period when the net surplus shall be sufficient therefor.

Sect. 5. After providing for risks, losses, incidental expenses and dividends as aforesaid, the directors shall set apart one-fourth of the estimated net surplus as a reserve fund to be applied to the redemption of the guaranty capital stock in whole or in part as the assured may by vote direct, whenever after the expiration of ten years from the time of the organization of the company the amount of such fund shall be sufficient for the purpose, and the assured shall so vote.

Sect. 6. Upon the redemption and extinction of the guaranty capital stock under the provisions of the fifth section, the directors shall be chosen by the assured.

OFFICIAL RETURN OF VOTES CAST FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AT THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION, DECEMBER 12, 1899.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Ward 1.

PRECINCT.	James A. Cochran, R.	Frederick W. Day,* D.	John A. Grady, D. S. N. P.	James H. Jenness, S. L.	Horace Slas, D. C. N. P.
1	156	128	3	1	5
2	240	88	1	6	4
3	260	162	4	4	3
4	275	107	.....	1	11
5	224	164	6	2	9
6	101	282	6	4	5
7	242	239	7	3	9
8	145	277	2	9	31
9	94	81	.....	5	1
Totals	1,737	1,528	29	35	78

Ward 2.

1	110	294	15	8	6
2	79	220	14	3	5
3	133	273	4	1	3
4	95	297	8	6	4
5	78	243	4	7	3
6	128	237	2	5	1
7	87	362	7	3	5
8	116	348	23	8	12
Totals	826	2,274	77	41	39
Grand totals,	2,563	3,802	106	76	117

* Elected.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Ward 3.

PRECINCT.	William H. Onkes, R.	Daniel F. O'Brien, D. C. N. P.	Philip O'Brien,* D.
1	256	22	94
2	142	25	308
3	164	20	215
4	81	51	391
5	110	44	320
6	62	37	286
Totals	815	199	1,614

Ward 4.

1	110	27	245
2	187	9	91
3	213	20	180
4	123	12	251
5	67	20	285
6	128	15	163
Totals	828	103	1,215

Ward 5.

1	246	10	110
2	159	25	260
3	57	35	302
4	116	18	162
5	124	29	294
6	119	16	201
Totals	821	133	1,329
Grand totals	2,464	435	4,158

* Elected.

THIRD DISTRICT.

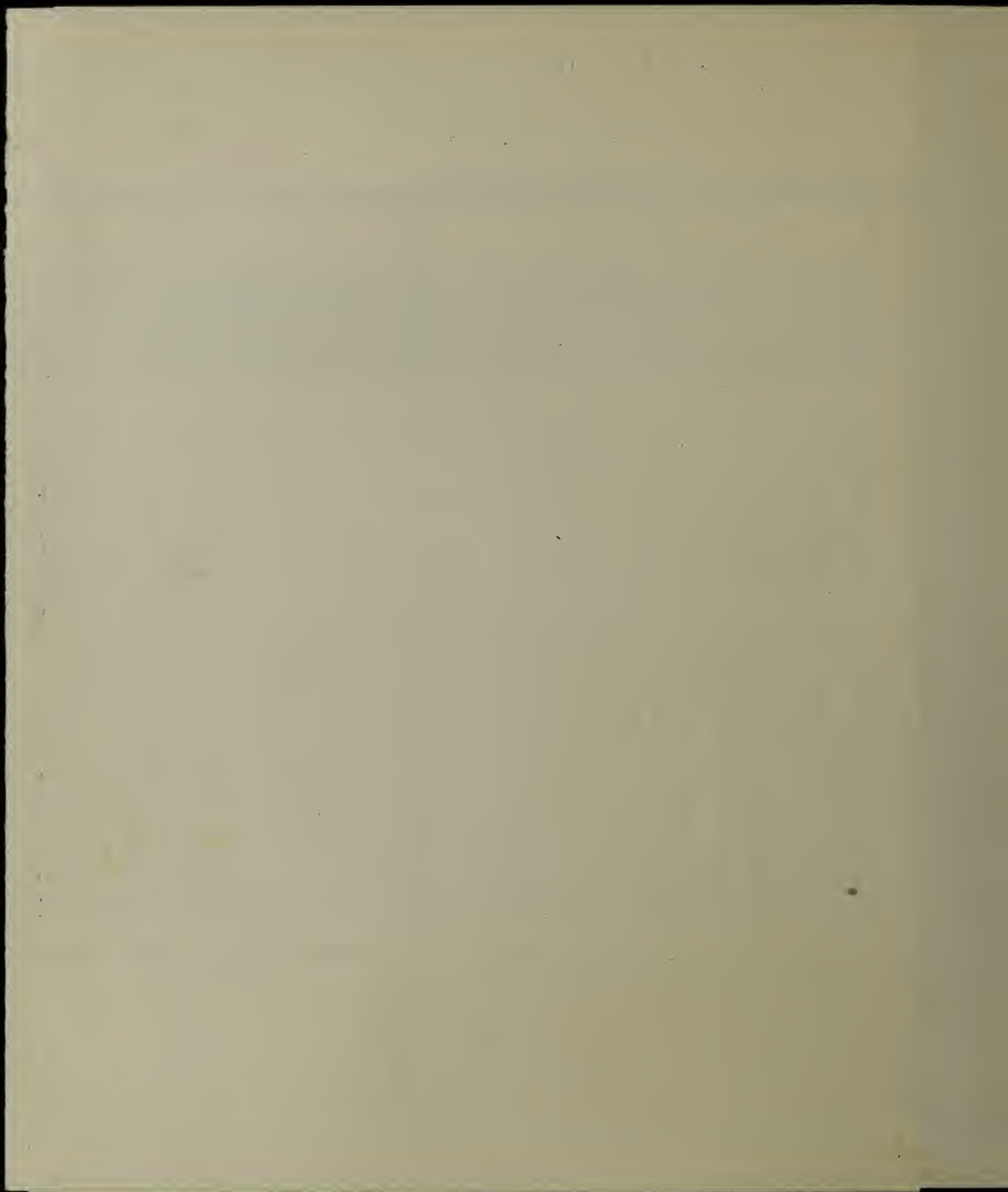
Ward 6.

PRECINCT.	Edward W. Dixon,* D.	Morris Kaplan, S. L.	Joseph Spektorsky, R.
1	309	9	24
2	350	17	37
3	338	22	33
4	320	11	13
5	317	27	89
6	93	13	138
7	300	30	76
8	298	8	14
Totals	2,325	137	424

Ward 8.

1	398	45	71
2	281	34	91
3	132	15	184
4	373	44	106
5	363	73	110
6	408	48	109
Totals	1,955	259	671
Grand totals	4,280	396	1,095

* Elected.



FOURTH DISTRICT.

Ward 7.

PRECINCT.	Dale Armstrong, R. McK. N. P.	David F. Barry, D. L. N. P., R.	William E. Barry, D. C. N. P.	Patrick Bowen,* D.	Hugh W. Bresnahan, D. L. N. P.	Edward Carr, S. L.	Cornelius Currie, D. S. N. P.	William R. Dyer, S. L.	Edwin A. Leonard, R.	Michael W. Norris,* D.
1	47	93	6	87	51	9	3	6	93	96
2	33	159	11	104	154	10	7	9	69	110
3	39	115	15	145	107	15	8	14	85	134
4	45	94	9	68	43	7	3	7	105	61
5	7	97	15	252	165	12	4	7	20	208
6	23	86	40	183	210	5	4	16	44	138
Totals	194	644	96	839	730	58	29	59	416	747

Ward 9.

1	52	102	9	251	38	21	15	20	88	222
2	46	105	9	309	53	19	7	14	82	267
3	3	43	16	367	88	13	10	10	13	288
4	54	114	15	278	81	20	9	19	92	191
5	79	176	5	134	45	28	9	13	144	97
6	91	96	12	88	22	10	1	13	160	64
7	32	82	16	342	96	9	4	4	60	225
Totals	357	718	82	1,769	423	120	55	93	639	1,354

Ward 13.

1	3	60	13	195	166	6	2	6	11	253
2	1	48	18	195	148	6	3	8	9	277
3	2	32	6	192	136	2	1	3	8	270
4	11	45	5	197	170	5	2	7	19	268
5	13	57	8	161	178	11	3	12	24	223
6	14	58	7	121	150	9	2	7	40	172
7	6	53	7	143	243	13	.....	11	12	215
8	8	47	15	112	204	11	6	6	19	171
Totals	58	400	79	1,316	1,395	63	19	60	142	1,849
Grand totals	609	1,762	257	3,924	2,548	241	103	212	1,197	3,950

* Elected.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Ward 10.

PRECINCT.	Henry C. Hess, S. L.	George H. Moore, R.	Michael J. O'Brien,* D.
1	15	109	139
2	5	191	109
3	9	178	59
4	10	201	36
5	7	164	33
6	7	245	44
7	9	380	52
8	13	368	101
9	2	226	52
Totals	77	2,062	625

Ward 19.

1	18	126	284
2	17	131	250
3	23	89	411
4	19	111	338
5	18	138	201
6	25	155	263
7	27	139	435
8	41	120	348
Totals	188	1,009	2,530
Grand totals	265	3,071	3,155

* Elected.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

Ward 11.

PRECINCT.	Julian Codman, D.	George Holden Tinkham,* R.	Scattering.
1	104	246	.....
2	148	207	.....
3	170	205	.....
4	230	197	.....
5	169	143	.....
6	69	193	.....
7	72	265	.....
8	130	167	.....
9	86	239	.....
Totals	1,178	1,862	.....

Ward 25.

1	137	339	.....
2	76	377	1
3	68	301	.....
4	214	172	.....
5	218	223	.....
6	176	304	.....
7	269	196	.....
Totals	1,156	1,912	1
Grand totals	2,334	3,774	1

* Elected.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Ward 12.

PRECINCT.	James H. Doyle,* D.	Conrad Kersten, S. L.	Albert E. Taylor, R.
1	87	5	293
2	73	7	297
3	188	4	106
4	170	14	228
5	140	9	212
6	373	21	143
7	344	5	104
Totals	1,375	65	1,383

Ward 18.

1	359	21	112
2	304	26	129
3	207	17	248
4	321	14	219
5	506	12	91
6	379	14	192
Totals	2,076	104	991
Grand totals	3,451	169	2,374

* Elected.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

Ward 14.

PRECINCT.	Godfred Beck, S. L.	John Kenealy, D. I. N. P.	Joseph J. Norton,* D.	Francis E. Park, R.	Scattering.
1	9	33	443	117	...
2	30	46	413	51	...
3	7	27	232	92	1
4	14	22	168	167	...
5	16	32	170	227	...
6	13	24	166	184	...
7	21	44	242	184	...
8	20	29	205	200	...
Totals	130	257	2,039	1,222	1

Ward 15.

1	10	20	137	73	...
2	17	45	282	46	...
3	8	36	227	100	...
4	15	29	201	114	...
5	14	32	253	99	...
6	16	22	132	173	...
7	25	29	201	135	...
8	22	40	187	125	...
Totals	127	253	1,620	865	...
Grand totals	257	510	3,659	2,087	1

* Elected.

NINTH DISTRICT.

Ward 16.

PRECINCT.	Wilbur F. Adams,* R.	Franklin L. Codman,* R.	William H. Cook, S. L.	Dyer Enger, S. L.	Patrick F. McDonald, D.	Joseph T. Walsh, D.
1	133	130	24	19	193	168
2	116	115	16	14	326	263
3	203	207	17	13	333	266
4	298	312	17	30	175	109
5	223	237	11	9	172	124
6	304	305	3	3	117	44
7	175	191	14	7	368	317
Totals	1,452	1,497	102	95	1,689	1,291

Ward 20.

1	352	345	17	13	265	166
2	316	309	11	12	364	201
3	244	227	9	6	274	169
4	140	155	12	10	333	261
5	341	344	13	10	319	209
6	421	411	19	18	253	120
7	378	386	10	9	220	134
8	411	401	12	9	178	103
Totals	2,603	2,578	103	87	2,206	1,363

Ward 24.

1	161	197	10	9	254	192
2	206	231	13	8	201	146
3	357	339	14	12	206	136
4	216	230	7	3	203	133
5	263	229	10	2	166	91
6	217	231	12	10	182	147
7	366	365	10	7	155	152
8	428	418	18	24	228	181
9	263	248	63	22	189	126
Totals	2,477	2,488	157	97	1,784	1,304
Grand totals	6,532	6,563	362	279	5,679	3,958

* Elected.

TENTH DISTRICT.

Ward 17.

PRECINCT.	Joseph Ballam, S. L.	Daniel C. Casey, D.	Robert A. Jordan,* R.	August C. Mendell, D. S. N. P.
1	1	279	66	.....
2	7	264	83	2
3	2	133	224	3
4	3	174	267	7
5	5	245	104	5
6	10	246	63	4
7	9	291	101	1
8	13	317	193	6
9	4	169	210	5
Totals	54	2,118	1,311	33

Ward 21.

1.	6	124	273	7
2.	7	209	235	6
3.	6	127	166	3
4.	10	118	304	2
5.	12	158	260	6
6.	6	76	328	4
7.	13	234	281	1
8.	5	132	379	1
9.	8	143	339	3
Totals	73	1,321	2,565	33
Grand totals . .	127	3,439	3,876	66

* Elected.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

Ward 22.

PRECINCT.	Frank Bomback, S. L.	John H. Broderick, D.	E. Peabody Gerry,* R.	Randolph V. King, R. I. N. P.	Richard D. Schmidt, D. S. N. P.
1	23	234	288	101	24
2	30	297	102	50	18
3	11	270	60	34	11
4	22	144	236	81	11
5	26	182	167	112	22
6	14	44	247	59	5
7	3	80	294	63	1
8	20	225	173	73	9
Totals	149	1,476	1,567	573	101

Ward 23.

1	6	96	183	32	.....
2	5	313	91	21	.....
3	15	253	85	43	6
4	11	203	187	39	1
5	21	182	270	76	8
6	12	80	322	60	7
7	9	72	245	45	3
8	3	65	314	22	2
9	6	118	108	26	2
Totals	88	1,382	1,805	364	29
Grand totals	237	2,858	3,372	937	130

* Elected.

NOTE.—R., signifies Republican; D., Democratic; D. S. N. P., Democratic Social Nomination Paper; S. L., Socialist Labor; D. C. N. P., Democratic Citizens' Nomination Paper; R. McK. N. P., Republican McKinley Nomination Paper; D. L. N. P., Democratic Laborers' Nomination Paper; Republican; D. L. N. P., Democratic Laborers' Nomination Paper; R. I. N. P., Republican Independent Nomination Paper.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Friday, January 19, 1900, Alderman Codman, senior member, presiding.

The following messages from the Mayor were received:

Call for the Meeting.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 18, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: Under Stat. 1854, Chap. 448, Sect. 46, you are hereby requested to assemble in the Aldermanic Chamber, in City Hall, on Friday, January 19, 1900, at 3 P.M., to act upon the order, passed by the Common Council this evening, authorizing the City Auditor to close and balance the accounts of the current financial year, and to transact such other business as may lawfully come before you.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

Placed on file.

Closing of Accounts.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 19, 1900.

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: You are requested and urged to concur with the Common Council in passing the order under which it will be possible to close the fiscal year without great hardship, without suspending labor, and without detriment to the city. Without your prompt action it is to be feared that important departments may be obliged to suspend work.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

Placed on file.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber at 3 P.M., on Tuesday, January 23, 1900. Alderman Codman, senior member, presiding.

The following messages from the Mayor were received:

Call for the Meeting.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 22, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: Under Stat. 1854, Chap. 448, Sect. 46, you are hereby requested to assemble in City Hall on Tuesday, January

23, 1900, at 3 P.M., to transact such business as may lawfully come before you.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

Placed on file.

Appointments by the Mayor.

Appointments by the Mayor were made as follows:

(1.) Subject to your confirmation I hereby appoint Walter J. Ripley a Weigher of Coal and a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery, both for the term ending April 30, 1900.

(2.) Subject to your confirmation, I hereby appoint Edward P. Murphy a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery for the term ending April 30, 1900.

(3.) Subject to confirmation by your Honorable Board, I hereby appoint Bertrand T. Wheeler (844 Adams street, Ward 24) to be Superintendent of Streets, in place of Benjamin W. Wells, who has resigned.

Severally laid over under the law.

Ordinance Concerning Lamp Department.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

City Hall, January 23, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: The City Council should decide whether the present ordinance on the Lamp Department is such as the public interest requires. The Superintendent declares in his communication sent herewith that the Lamp Department may with propriety be merged in the Street Department. That the proposed ordinance may be viewed in all its bearings, two additional papers from the Superintendent of Lamps are attached.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

LAMP DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, January 23, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: In accordance with your verbal request of last Saturday I beg leave to submit the following statement:

(1.) The force of the Lamp Department consists of the following persons:

James Donovan, Superintendent; William H. Burke, assistant superintendent; George H. Rymill, clerk; Edward C. Wade, clerk; M. T. Callahan, messenger; William Hogarty, assistant messenger; Simon Harris, electrical inspector; A. Handler, watchman; William Wright, inspector; J. P. Lchman, inspector; T. W. Fitzpatrick, inspector; J. J. McCarthy, boy.

(2.) In reply to your question as to whether or not the Department could be done away with as a separate department, I would say that there must be some branch or division of a city department to look after our city lighting, to see that the various contracts for lighting are performed according to their terms, to examine applications of citizens and taxpayers for the erection of lights of various kinds, to investigate orders from the city government for the erection and maintenance of lights and to put in the

lights when necessary to properly light the growing sections of the city, and to perform many other necessary duties connected with our street lighting.

In order to properly perform this work I believe a force equal to the above should be permanently employed by the city.

I am of the opinion that the Department could be consolidated with the Street Department, and made a division thereof.

Yours very respectfully,

JAMES DONOVAN,

Superintendent of Lamps.

LAMP DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, January 11, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: As this Department is not required under the new gas-lighting contract to repair the street lanterns now in use, it would seem best to dispose of certain materials used in such repairs, and possibly the machines and tools at the repair-shop.

I would suggest that the lantern material and stock in process of construction might possibly be disposed of to some lantern manufacturer, who would be able to make use of the same.

Four of the seven horses in use should be disposed of by sale or transfer to other departments, also such of the wagons, harnesses, pungs, and other equipment as are not now needed.

It will be necessary to retain one draft horse and wagon for the purpose of teaming posts, etc., to new locations and the two horses, carriages, sleighs, etc., that have been used by me and my assistants in locating and inspecting lamps, will still be necessary.

As the Department will require the use of only a portion of the repair-shop and stable, it is suggested that such part as is not needed could be rented to the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company, if they should care to make arrangements to occupy a portion of the building for repair purposes, etc.

There are several barrels and boxes of old oil founts and chimneys, etc., that should also be disposed of.

I would also respectfully call your attention to three letters (see reports of proceedings of City Council from January to June, 1899, inclusive, pages 664 and 685,) sent to Mayor Quincy, on October 25, 1899, and on file in your office, regarding the disposal of the old gas lanterns. (See also THE CITY RECORD, Vol. II, No. 44, page 722, and No. 45, page 737.)

Yours respectfully,

JAMES DONOVAN,

Superintendent of Lamps.

Gas Lamps removed from streets in the City of Boston, and where placed:

West Roxbury, Roxbury and Jamaica Plain placed in the store-house, at the Marcella-street home yard.

Brighton District, stored at the paving yard at Chestnut Hill.

Charlestown District, placed in Charlestown Gas Company's yard, except 100 which were delivered at the Lamp repair-shop, Albany street.

North End District, Boston, 400 placed in the North Grove-street paving yard.

South Boston District, all lamps were placed in the South Boston Gas Company's yard.

East Boston District, all lamps removed placed in East Boston Gas Company's yard, except eighteen which were delivered to the Lamp repair-shop, Albany street.

South End District, all lamps removed delivered to Lamp repair-shop, Albany street.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances, when appointed.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, January 18, 1900, at 7.45 o'clock, President Kiley in the chair.

The following message from the Mayor was received:

Loan for Park Construction.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, January 18, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: Your attention is invited to the enclosed request of the Park Board for \$250,000, to complete construction work of the city park system. The request of the Park Board has great merit, and should be considered in the light of the Metropolitan park system, the condition of the city finances, and the policy of placing park labor as soon as possible, upon a permanent basis. Perhaps the whole subject might be referred to your Finance Committee, when appointed.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

January 16, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

We have about \$50,000 of the funds for park construction available for continuing work by our day-labor force. This will last but a short time, and we shall be under the necessity of laying off the men employed in this work unless additional funds are appropriated.

We estimate the amount necessary to complete the parks at \$250,000, and we respectfully request an appropriation of that amount.

CHARLES E. STRATTON,

LABAN PRATT,

JAMES M. PRENDERGAST,

Board of Commissioners of the Department of Parks.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that it is desired to establish an eligible register from which a selection may be made to fill a vacancy in the grade of engineer in the quartermaster's depart-

ment-at-large at Fort Ringgold, Texas, at a salary of \$720 per annum.

No applications were received for the examination for this position which was scheduled to be held on December 1, 1899. No educational test will be given, but applicants will be graded upon their age, experience, physical ability and character as workmen. It will not be necessary for applicants to appear at any place for examination.

Applicants for this position should be qualified engineers with experience in managing water pumps and at the same time be a machinist capable of making necessary repairs to machinery and having a knowledge of and experience in running an ice plant.

The Commission also announces that it desires to establish an eligible register for the positions of master, engineer and fireman, quartermaster's steamer "Poe," quartermaster's department-at-large, at Fort Barrancas, Florida, at salaries of \$133.33 per month, \$100 per month and \$40 per month, respectively.

No educational test will be required of applicants for these examinations, but they will be graded upon their age, experience and intelligence, character as a workman and physical qualifications, as shown by the answers made to questions in the application form. Age limit, twenty years or over.

It will be noted that as a prerequisite applicants must show in their applications that they have proper licenses.

These examinations are open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements. All such citizens are invited to apply. They will be examined, graded, and certified, with entire impartiality and wholly without regard to any consideration save their ability as shown by the grade they attain in the examination.

Persons desiring to compete should at once apply to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., for application blanks (Form 1093), which should be properly executed and promptly forwarded to the Commission at Washington.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary shows the value of imports and exports, together with the entrance and clearance of foreign vessels, and the arrival of passengers at the Port of Boston during the month of December, 1899, as compared with the corresponding month of 1898:

	Imports.		Exports.	
	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
December, 1899	147	183,389	134	138,778
December, 1898	101	170,049	124	154,464
Passengers arrived, December, 1899	559			
Passengers arrived, December, 1898	734			

Department Communications.

Bath Department.

Following is a summary of the number of baths taken daily at the Dover-street Bath-house during the month of December, 1899, together with the amount received for use of towels and soap at one cent each:

DEC.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Amount received.
1 . . .	351	111	22	78	562	\$8 97
2 . . .	532	199	203	387	1,321	13 42
3 . . .	717	201	17	64	999	15 01
4 . . .	251	87	9	22	369	6 32
5 . . .	199	68	9	33	309	3 95
6 . . .	233	102	14	41	390	4 63
7 . . .	221	98	12	35	366	5 63
8 . . .	323	174	17	49	563	8 40
9 . . .	478	105	154	247	984	10 63
10 . . .	697	152	34	63	946	13 39
11 . . .	403	197	16	33	649	9 96
12 . . .	397	177	18	59	651	8 24
13 . . .	341	132	22	58	553	9 32
14 . . .	304	101	16	49	470	6 79
15 . . .	287	114	11	53	465	5 90
16 . . .	407	162	189	298	1,056	9 58
17 . . .	615	179	31	56	881	13 05
18 . . .	302	114	17	69	502	7 18
19 . . .	243	99	16	48	406	5 71
20 . . .	314	156	19	58	547	7 60
21 . . .	317	178	15	62	572	7 32
22 . . .	403	169	27	64	663	10 28
23 . . .	510	186	101	122	919	12 93
24 . . .	517	157	17	49	740	12 33
25* . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-
26 . . .	201	83	14	69	367	4 29
27 . . .	221	98	18	62	399	5 25
28 . . .	215	101	21	89	426	5 40
29 . . .	231	114	16	47	408	5 21
30 . . .	384	132	289	367	1,172	7 57
31 . . .	275	88	13	44	420	6 03
Totals,	10,889	4,034	1,377	2,775	19,075	\$250 29

* Closed Christmas Day.

NOTE.—Saturdays, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., boys and girls are supplied free with towel and soap.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, January 8, 1900.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending January 6, 1900:

Number of chattel mortgages . . .	108
Number of discharges of mortgages . . .	17
Number of assignments of mortgages . . .	6
Number of attachments . . .	1
Number of bills of sale . . .	2
Number of assignments of wages . . .	39
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors . . .	7
Number of married women's certificates . . .	8

An accident notice was filed December 28 by Mabel T. Eltz, personal injuries caused by an alleged defect in the sidewalk on Elmo street, near Erie street.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending January 13, 1900:

Number of chattel mortgages . . .	124
Number of discharges of mortgages . . .	27
Number of assignments of mortgages . . .	5
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages . . .	4
Number of bills of sale . . .	10
Number of assignments of wages . . .	53
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors . . .	12
Number of married women's certificates . . .	4

Accident notices were filed as follows:

January 8—Mrs. Adelaide F. Kelley, personal injuries, caused by an alleged defect in sidewalk on Sunnyside street.

January 9—Nora T. Sullivan, personal injuries, caused by defective coal-hole at 341 Warren street.

J. M. GALVIN.

City Clerk pro tempore.

Building Department.

Old Court House, December 4, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending December 2, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.					
	Approved.		Disap. proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.						
1...	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	2
2...	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
4...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
6...	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	28
7...	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	1	7	42
8...	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	5	12
9...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	11
10...	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	17
11...	-	1	7	-	-	-	1	-	8	20
12...	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	16
13...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6
14...	1	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	1	12
15...	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3
16...	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7
17...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
18...	8	-	-	-	6	-	-	1	-	11
19...	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	12
20...	5	1	4	-	-	2	4	1	9	34
21...	4	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	6	17
22...	1	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	3	2
23...	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	9
24...	1	3	-	-	-	1	2	-	4	14
25...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	7
T'ls..	23	25	13	-	7	14	26	4	68	295

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, January 8, 1900.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending January 6, 1900, as follows:

Francis L. Dowd, of Combination Company 3, has been sentenced to forfeit two weeks' pay for being under the influence of liquor, but not unfit for duty, with extenuating circumstances.

The pension of Capt. Robert E. Bartlett has been increased from \$800 to \$1,066.67 per annum.

John W. S. Crossman and J. J. Riley, of Engine 41, have been granted veteran certificates for seven years' service in the Department.

The resignation of B. F. Sullivan, of Ladder Company 8, has been accepted.

Two gray horses have been purchased of William F. Hedrington for \$137.50 each.

An order has been drawn on the American Cereal Company for Schumacher Stock Feed for Districts 1 to 9, inclusive, for the months of February, March and April.

Bids for the construction of a new house for Engine Company 22 on Warren avenue were opened at 12 M., January 3, and, subject to the approval of the Mayor, the bid of \$34,900, from William L. Clark & Co., was accepted. (See THE CITY RECORD, Vol. III., No. 2, page 22.)

B. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, January 6, 1900.

The petition of William B. Cunningham, for the occupancy of a stable on 465 River street, Ward 24, for one horse, has been filed at this office; hearing called for January 18, at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending January 6, 1900:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	34	49	86
Negative	103	58	161
No growth	-	1	1
Totals	137	108	248

Typhoid diagnoses: Seven cases; three cases positive; two negative and two atypical.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, December 18, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending December 16, 1899:

Cases pending	-
Number of applications	80
	80

Number of admissions:

To State Almshouse, Tewksbury	33
Long Island Almshouse	11
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	2
Boston Insane Hospital	6
Westboro' Insane Hospital	1
Taunton Insane Hospital, Foxboro' Asylum	3
	60

Number of applications refused

Number of applications withdrawn

Cases pending

Settlements investigated

Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children

28 Court Square, December 26, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending December 23, 1899:

Cases pending	—	87
Number of applications	87	—
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse, Tewks-		
bury	36	
Long Island Almshouse	11	
Charlestown Almshouse	1	
Observation Hospital,		
Deer Island	5	
Boston Insane Hospital	10	
Westboro' Insane Hospi-		
tal	6	
Foxboro' Asylum	5	
Number of applications re-		
fused	7	
Number of applications with-		
drawn	6	
Cases pending	—	87
Settlements investigated		96
Settlements reported to the		
Trustees for Children	6	

W. T. SEDGWICK, Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont street, December 26, 1899.

Statistics for the week ending December 23, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	103	10
Females	22	—
Total	125	10
Offences:		
Against the person	7	3
Against property	10	6
Against public order and		
decency	111	1
Total	*128	10
Discharges:		
Males	173	4
Females	27	1
Total	200	5
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	156	5
Permit of Commissioner,	21	—
Payment of fine	22	—
Bailed	1	—
Total	200	5
Population:		
December 16, 1899	1,105	496
Committed since Decem-		
ber 16, 1899	125	10
Total	1,230	506
Discharged since Decem-		
ber 16, 1899	200	5
December 23, 1899	1,030	501

*Three committed charged with two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, December 27, 1899.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the two weeks ending December 23, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISION.

Inspections made	775
Defects reported	77
Defects corrected	50
Feet of dead wire removed	10,300
Feet of dead wire retained	250
Notices of new work received	67
Fixtures removed	23
Poles set	99
Poles removed	16

The Department employees responded to a third alarm of fire from Box 28 at 2.15 A.M., December 20; fire at 69 South Market street.

Arrangements have been completed for the removal of the abandoned Western Union Telegraph Company's poles on Granite street, Mt. Washington avenue and other streets in South Boston. This removal was ordered by the Board of Aldermen.

Pole locations have been selected and approved for the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company on Hopedale, Eleanor and Ridgemont streets, Brighton and Beacon alley, Back Bay. Pole locations have also been selected and approved for the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company on Main street, Charlestown.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	511
Notices of new work received	247

Investigations of fires at 5 Van Rensselaer place, 291 Commercial street and 1135 Washington street have been made.

Underground service entrance has been located for the Boston Electric Light Company at 10 Bowker street.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	3
Building connections	32
Pole connections	7
Lamp connections	3
Repairs	1

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	25
Building connections	37
Pole connections	7
Repairs	8
Cable drawings	35
Lamp connections	4
Installation of underground transformers,	1

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	2,183
Feet of duct laid	9,816
Feet of cable drawn in	25,871
Manholes built	10
Service connections made	41

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

January 12, 1900.

General Order No. 655.

The following-named persons are hereby appointed reserve police officers of the City of Boston under the provisions of Chapter 177 of the Acts of 1887, and temporarily assigned for duty as follows:

Division 4—Otis D. Parmenter, Thomas A. Thompson and Dana J. Walton.

Division 5—John S. Clark and Edward J. McHugh.

Division 6—Edward A. Moore.

Division 10—Oscar W. Burgess.

Division 12—Nicholas P. Tangney and Dennis J. McManus.

Division 15—Wilson F. Crane and Jeremiah S. Healy.

January 13, 1900.

General Order No. 656.

In the matter of the complaint made by William A. Tucker against Patrolman Daniel A. Doherty of Division 4, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Conduct unbecoming an officer, the Board finds the said Patrolman Doherty not guilty and orders the complaint to be dismissed.

January 15, 1900.

General Order No. 657.

Patrolman William P. Gorman, of Division 7, having performed faithful service in the Police Department for twenty years, being an honorably discharged soldier of the War of the Rebellion, and having requested to be retired from active service under the provisions of Chapter 172 of the Acts of 1898, it is, therefore, hereby

Ordered, That the said Patrolman Gorman be retired from active service in the Police Department, placed upon the pension roll, and allowed the sum of \$600 per annum, to be paid monthly; said sum being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him at the time of his retirement; said retirement to take effect at roll-call, 5.45 o'clock P.M., Thursday, the eighteenth instant.

January 16, 1900.

General Order No. 658.

The resignation of Patrolman Eldorous A. Carney, of Division 7, having been presented while charges were pending against him, it is hereby accepted to take effect to-day.

ELECTION OF CITY CLERK.

At the meeting of the Common Council, held Thursday evening, January 18, 1900, Mr. Edward J. Donovan was elected City Clerk on the part of the Common Council, receiving forty-five votes against nine votes cast for Mr. Joseph F. Hickey and Mr. Frank J. O'Toole each, four votes for Mr. William S. McNary, and one vote for Mr. John T. Priest with seven members absent or not voting.

The Board of Aldermen, at its meeting on Tuesday, January 23, elected Mr. Frank J. O'Toole City Clerk, on the part of the Board, in non-concurrence with the Common Council, seven votes being cast for Mr. O'Toole against six votes for Mr. Edward J. Donovan.

A bill providing for the pensioning of war veterans who are employed by the State or any city or town therein has been presented to the Legislature.

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

November 22, 1899.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held at the Hospital on November 22, 1899. There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague and Rueter.

The regular monthly bills were submitted and approved, and the President was authorized to draw upon the City Auditor for the amount thereof, \$22,726.13.

It was voted that the regular monthly draft on account of the Ann White Vose building, furnishings, amounting to \$2,684.67, be approved, and that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Auditor for the amount thereof, the same to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose building, furnishings.

It was voted that the regular monthly draft on account of Hospital buildings, improvements, amounting to \$1,157, be approved, and that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Auditor for the amount thereof, the same to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital buildings, improvements, Hospital Department.

It was voted that the regular monthly draft on account of the Wyman Building Fund, amounting to \$149.53, be approved, and that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Auditor for the amount thereof, the same to be charged to the appropriation for Wyman Building Fund, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to George G. Baker the sum of \$3,550.50, on account of his contract of August 30, 1899, for alterations and additions to kitchen; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Wyman Building Fund, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to Craig, Donovan & Co. the sum of \$806.25, on account of their contract of May 16, 1899, for furnishing and installing belting, shafting, etc., in the laundry building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, new laundry building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to the E. T. Burrowes Company, the sum of \$175.65, on account of fitting 104 wire window screens; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for "Screen Fund, Hospital Department."

Communications were received from the Superintendent as follows:

(1.) Respecting receipts from paying patients. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

(2.) Concerning the renewal of the Superintendent's bond. It was voted that the same be renewed, the amount of said bond to be fixed at \$10,000.

(3.) Respecting the appointment of an assistant steward. It was voted that Hiram McKay be appointed temporary assistant steward, at an increase of salary at the rate of \$200 a year, the duties of such assistant to be defined by the Superintendent.

(4.) Respecting petty repairs in the laundry building. It was voted that the Superintendent proceed with the petty repairs, as covered by this communication, under the direction and supervision of the Committee

on Buildings and Grounds, said Committee having full power in the premises.

The Superintendent also reported the death of Mr. Kerrens Driscoll, contractor for the laundry building.

A communication was received from Mr. Burnham, enclosing a communication from Stone & Webster, respecting the proposal of the Electrical Construction Division for conduit work at the Vose house.

It was voted that the job of running electric wires and cables from the Hospital buildings to the Vose house and nurses' homes to be done according to the specifications and inspection of Stone & Webster, be given to the Electrical Construction Division of the Public Buildings Department for the sum of \$400, the same having been recommended for acceptance by Stone & Webster.

A communication was received from Dr. Edward Reynolds, requesting a change in the term of appointment of Dr. Franklin S. Newell, so that the appointment might begin November 1, ending on May 1. It was voted that the correction be made, as suggested.

A communication to the President, from Alderman D. F. Barry, respecting the Haymarket square site, was submitted to the Board, and ordered to be placed on file.

Circular No. 66, from Mayor Quincy, respecting half-holidays on election days, was received and ordered to be placed on file.

It was voted that there be deducted from the contract of John S. Jacobs & Son, dated November 23, 1897, for erection of the Ann White Vose house, order of deduction No. 481, dated November 1, 1899, \$37.25 for difference between leaded glass \$75, and amount of Ford & Brooks bills for same, \$37.75.

It was voted that there be added to the contract of John S. Jacobs & Son, dated November 23, 1897, for erection of Ann White Vose house, order of addition No. 484, dated November 1, 1899, for \$7.98, for slate trap cover for floor of kitchen.

It was voted that the resignation of Dr. Augustus S. Knight, as medical registrar, be accepted.

A communication was received from the secretary of the senior staff, requesting change in Rule 2 of the Trustees, by striking out the words "Two second assistants for diseases of the nervous system" and substituting therefor the following: "On recommendation of the physicians of the department for nervous diseases, one or more temporary second assistants shall be appointed to the department for terms of six months each. Such appointees shall be eligible for reappointment for a second term of six months."

It was voted that the change be made as requested.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, January 12, 1900.

The regular weekly meeting of the corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, De Normandie, Bowditch, Dwight and Lincoln.

Received: A communication from the Massachusetts Library Club dated January 10; the Librarian's report.

The Librarian was authorized to employ temporarily until June 1, one attendant at \$3.50 per week.

Purchases authorized: A collection of 100 photographs of country houses in Normandy at a cost of \$25, chargeable to the balance of of the Hyams gift; a set of Schumann's works at 250 marks, chargeable to trust funds; Laws and Acts of Rhode Island 1636—1705, at \$35, chargeable to trust funds; miscellaneous articles, \$308.16.

Various applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to the general appropriation, amounting to \$6,843.59; to trust funds, \$734, to Station "P," \$22.79.

Voted, That the salary of the Librarian be \$5,000 per annum, beginning February 1, 1900.

Voted, That Otto Fleischner be appointed Assistant Librarian, on probation, and that his salary be fixed at \$2,500 per annum beginning February 1, 1900.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, January 1, 1900.

The sixty-sixth regular meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Monday, January 1, 1900, at 10.30 A.M.

Present: Mrs. Lincoln and Miss Morse, Messrs. Rutan, Dobbins, Pettingill, and Hunnewell.

The question of assuming the expense of supporting a certain patient at the Rutland Hospital for Consumptives was discussed, and it was

Voted, That this Board shall not assume the expense of any patients admitted to the Rutland Hospital for Consumptives, except in cases where the original investigation and direct application for admission to the Hospital has been made by this Board.

A communication from the City Clerk was read, transmitting the following order which had been approved by the Mayor, December 23, 1899.

Ordered, That the sums received by the city from the government of the United States for the care of soldiers at Long Island be credited to the appropriation for Pauper Institutions Department, Boston Almshouse and Hospital, Long Island.

A letter from the Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse was read, concerning the policy of the Board in regard to the character of the inmates of the Charlestown Almshouse. The question was referred to the Committee on Registration and Special Cases.

A letter from the Penal Institutions Commissioner was read, in reference to the employment of a matron on the "J. Putnam Bradlee," stating that he "will include in his estimate for the coming year an amount sufficient to cover the salary of the person that is requested to be employed."

A letter from the Superintendent of Long Island was read, reporting the immediate need of a new omnibus.

Voted, That the question of providing a new omnibus be referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with power.

Voted, That the rules, as previously prepared for the Almshouse and Hospital, Long Island be adopted.

A letter from Mr. F. W. Howard, Chief of the Architectural Division of the Engineering Department was read, giving estimates of cost of certain contemplated improvements at Long Island.

Voted, That the question of the completion of the power-house (to include the alteration of the coal-shed on the wharf) be referred to the Finance Committee, with power.

Voted, That the question of providing a suitable tie-up for cattle at Long Island be referred, with power, to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Voted, That an appropriation for a home for nurses be included in the request for special loans to be made by this Department.

Mrs. Lincoln reported on the hearing before the Mayor on December 30, at 12 M., of the case of a farmer who had been employed at Long Island.

The Superintendent of Long Island came before the Board.

The question as to what class of employees was covered by the Mayor's request (in Circular No. 69) that the length of a day's work for "laborers, workmen and mechanics" should be fixed at eight hours, was raised. The Superintendent was requested to consult the Law Department on this matter.

A letter from Mr. Howard, Chief of the Architectural Division of the Engineering Department, was read, stating that he had accepted, for the Pauper Trustees of the City of Boston, the work performed by Woodbury & Leighton under their contract dated July 6, 1899, for the erection of the new power-house, Long Island, and enclosing certificate in their favor, amounting to \$4,563.43 (which pays them to 85 per cent. of their contract, balance payable in thirty-five days).

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to sign draft for the sum of \$4,563.43, payable to Woodbury & Leighton.

Mrs. Lincoln reported that in accordance with a suggestion from the Mayor, a transfer had been made between the terms of office of Mr. Pettingill and herself, by which Mr. Pettingill's term is to end on April 30, 1901, and Mrs. Lincoln's term on April 30, 1902.

As this change necessitated the re-election of a Chairman, a formal ballot was taken, and Mrs. Lincoln was elected Chairman of the Board.

Voted, That the Chairman appoint a committee consisting of three members of the Board to call upon Mayor Hart, today, shortly after his inauguration.

Mr. Rutan suggested that this Committee be composed of the Chairman, Mr. Pettingill and Mr. Hunnewell.

The census of inmates for Long Island on December 30, 1899, was as follows:

	Male.	Female.	Total.
In Hospital:			
Adults	68	127	195
Children	8	6	14
Women's building	—	194	194
Men's building	219	—	219
Totals	295	327	622

WALTER HUNNEWELL,
Secretary pro tempore.

Park Department.

Following is an abstract of the records of a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held January 1:

January 1, 1900.

At a meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held January 1, 1900, four parcels of land aggregating 123,548 square feet were taken for the Columbus-avenue playground, in addition to the 89,523 square feet previously taken.

The Board also took for a playground a parcel of land on the south-easterly side of Washington street, West Roxbury, belonging to Harvard College, and containing 449,600 square feet.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

CHANGES IN COMMITTEES OF THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Freeman O. Emerson, a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives from Boston, representing Ward 10, has resigned his appointments on the Committees on Libraries and Printing.

Of the joint special committee of the Legislature to investigate the work of exterminating the gypsy moth, consisting of eleven members, three members, on the part of the House, are from Boston, namely: Messrs. J. F. Bliss, of Ward 12; T. A. Winsloe, of Ward 21 and J. H. Donovan, of Ward 2.

RESIGNATION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS WELLS.

On January 20, 1900, Mr. Benjamin W. Wells, Superintendent of Streets, presented his resignation to Mayor Hart.

Mr. Bertrand T. Wheeler, who was Superintendent of Streets in 1895, was appointed to this position on January 23, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen. (See Messages from the Mayor, page 43).

WIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES.

The following-named employees severed their connection with this Department on Friday, January 19, 1900, at 5 P.M.:

Thomas P. Bannon, James W. Collins, James F. Cooper, Daniel J. Costello, Michael F. Donovan, Mark S. Lally, Dennis H. Mahony, Martin T. Joyce, Jeremiah E. O'Brien and Thomas A. Quinn.

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

The total number of persons arrested by the Police Department of Boston during 1899 was 39,760 against 41,816 the preceding year, being a decrease of 2,056. The net cost of maintaining the Department was \$1,587,173.13

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending January 20, 1900, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	20.8
Death rate for corresponding week, 1899,	26.6
Number of deaths:	
Males	114
Females	108
Total	222
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1899	277
Decrease	55

Of the 222 decedents, 218 were white and 4 colored; 146 were born in the United States, 73 in foreign countries, and the birthplace of 3 was unknown; 51 were of American parentage, 148 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 23 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	68	17
Scarlatina	53	6
Typhoid fever	11	3
Measles	93	3
Totals	225	29

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	26
Pneumonia	31
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	19
Bronchitis	12
Marasmus	3
Violent causes	5

Total from principal causes	97
Total from infectious diseases	29
Total from other causes	96

Total from all causes 222

Deaths of children under 1 year	31
Deaths of children under 5 years	58
Deaths of persons over 60 years	50
Deaths in public institutions	77

There was one case of small-pox reported during the week.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The Water Commissioner of the City of Boston will receive proposals at his office, City Hall, Boston, Mass., for furnishing from February 15 to August 1, 1900, about 5,000 pounds of No. 1, about 14,000 pounds of No. 2, and about 2,500 pounds of No. 3, composition castings, and for furnishing a bond in the sum of \$2,000 for faithfully doing the work. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, fill out and sign the proposal and leave it at said office before 12 o'clock noon, of Monday, January 29, 1900, with a certified check for \$200 which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposals. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will do the work required in the City of Boston may be accepted in preference to a lower bidder who will do said work elsewhere, and that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

AUGUSTUS P. MARTIN, Water Commissioner.

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Tuesday, January 30, 1900. Alderman Codman, the senior member, occupied the chair. All of the members were present.

Frank J. O'Toole was elected City Clerk, for the year 1900, on the part of the Board, by a vote of seven to six, as follows, the City Clerk pro tempore calling the roll:

For Frank J. O'Toole—Aldermen Adams, Codman, Day, Gerry, Jordan, Norton, Tinkham—7.

For Edward J. Donovan—Aldermen Bowen, Dixon, Doyle, Norris, M. J. O'Brien, P. O'Brien—6.

Alderman Michael J. O'Brien was elected Chairman of the Board, for the year 1900, by the following vote:

For Michael J. O'Brien—Aldermen Adams, Codman, Gerry, Jordan, Norton, M. J. O'Brien, Tinkham—7.

For James H. Doyle—Aldermen Bowen, Day, Dixon, Doyle, Norris, P. O'Brien—6.

Edward J. Leary was re-elected City Messenger, on the part of the Board, for the year 1900, by the following vote:

For Edward J. Leary—Aldermen Bowen, Day, Dixon, Doyle, Gerry, Jordan, Norris, M. J. O'Brien, P. O'Brien, Tinkham—10.

For John J. Mahoney—Aldermen Adams, Codman, Norton—3.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

The Board of Aldermen at its meeting on Tuesday, January 30, 1900, a ye and nay vote being had, unanimously voted to confirm the nomination by Mayor Hart of Bertrand T. Wheeler, to be Superintendent of Streets, in place of Benjamin W. Wells, resigned.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

The following bills and resolves concerning the City of Boston have been introduced in the Massachusetts Legislature, and have been referred to appropriate committees:

In the Senate.

Senate Bill No. 19 accompanies the petition of George M. W. Hall and others for legislation authorizing the formation and disbursement of a public school teachers' retirement fund in the City of Boston; referred to Committee on Mercantile Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Provide for the Formation and Disbursement of a Public School Teachers' Retirement Fund in the City of Boston.
Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Upon the passage of this act, a teachers' retirement fund shall be created in the City of Boston, and shall consist of:

(a) A permanent fund, made up of donations and legacies specifically given to said permanent fund, and a sum set apart by the board of trustees.

(b) A general fund, made up of donations and legacies not specifically given to said permanent fund, amounts retained from the salaries of teachers under the provisions of this act, and the interest derived from said permanent fund. The general fund may be drawn upon for the purposes of this act by said board of trustees, in its discretion.

Sect. 2. The Superintendent of Public Schools in the City of Boston, three female teachers and three male teachers, also of said city, and holding positions in the public schools as instructors, and four members of

the School Committee of said city, shall constitute the board of trustees. The Superintendent of Public Schools shall hold office in said board ex-officio, and the other ten members shall be chosen as follows: At the first annual meeting of the school teachers in the City of Boston, who are included in this act, which shall be held on the last Saturday of October, in the year 1900, there shall be elected by ballot, one female teacher who shall hold office for a term of one year, one female teacher who shall hold office for a term of two years, one female teacher who shall hold office for a term of three years, one male teacher who shall hold office for a term of one year, one male teacher who shall hold office for a term of two years, and one male teacher who shall hold office for a term of three years, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary in each case for an election. Said meeting shall be called by the Superintendent of the Public Schools after due and sufficient notice to all the school teachers in the City of Boston included in this act, at such hour and place as he shall designate. Annually thereafter, at a meeting duly called by said board of trustees, on the last Saturday in October, one female teacher and one male teacher shall be elected in the same manner, for a term of three years. At the first regular meeting of the said School Committee of the City of Boston, in October, 1900, the said School Committee shall elect two of its number to be members of said board of trustees for a period of one year, and two of its number to be members of said board for a period of two years; and annually thereafter at the first meeting in October, said School Committee shall elect two of its number to be members of said board for a period of two years. Said board shall organize by adopting rules of its own, not inconsistent with this act, and in case of a vacancy in its membership shall have power to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term.

Sect. 3. Said board shall have control of said retirement fund, investing the same only in such securities as savings banks are authorized by law to invest in. Said board shall receive and consider all applications for annuities under this act, and shall determine, direct and order payment of the same. Said board shall keep full and complete records of the receipts and disbursements on account of this fund, and a complete list of all annuitants, and shall make a report of the same at each annual meeting of the teachers in October. All necessary and proper expenses incurred by said board in carrying out the provisions of this act shall be paid out of said retirement fund, as voted by said board. The members of said

board shall serve without compensation. If at any time any member of said board shall cease to hold a position as member of the School Committee of said city, or as teacher in the public schools respectively, his or her membership in said board shall thereupon immediately cease.

Sect. 4. The City Treasurer under the direction of the board of trustees, shall be the custodian of said retirement fund, and shall make payments therefrom as ordered by said board. He shall receive such compensation for his services and clerk-hire, not exceeding \$1,500 per year, as said board of trustees shall determine, and said sum so determined shall be appropriated for that purpose by the School Committee of the City of Boston.

Sect. 5. Beginning with the monthly payments in November, 1900, the City Treasurer of the City of Boston shall reserve from the salary of each teacher who has come under the provisions of this act, the sum of \$3, and, in each and every alternate monthly payment thereafter shall reserve the same sum, and shall pay the sums so reserved into the school teachers' retirement fund, as herein provided.

Sect. 6. The City Treasurer, upon vote of the board of trustees, shall pay out of said retirement fund, in monthly payments, such an annuity to any teacher, who shall retire, or be discharged from the service of the city, as the fund will allow and said board of trustees shall determine; but in no case shall a teacher receive such annuity unless said teacher has taught thirty years, and of said thirty years at least ten in the public day schools of the City of Boston, except as hereinafter provided.

Sect. 7. The City Treasurer, upon vote of the board of trustees, shall pay out of said retirement fund, in monthly payments, such an annuity to any teacher who has taught not less than two years in the City of Boston, although less than thirty years in the aggregate, as the fund will allow; and said board of trustees shall determine, if such teacher has become incapacitated for teaching, and has been discharged from the service of the City of Boston: provided that a certificate of such incapacity be furnished by the attending physician and a physician sent by the board of trustees; and further provided, that the annuity shall cease when the disability ceases.

Sect. 8. All annuities shall be uniform in amount, whether the annuitants are retired under the provisions of Section 6 or Section 7, except as provided in Section 9 of this act.

Sect. 9. No annuity shall be paid to any teacher till such teacher shall contribute, or shall have contributed to said fund, a sum equal to all the assessments for thirty years, viz.: \$540; but should any retiring teacher be unable to pay the full amount of assessments as above before receiving an annuity, the board of trustees may at its discretion pay to such retiring teacher such monthly payments as in the opinion of said board the needs of such teacher may require.

Sect. 10. Any teacher who shall have been a contributing member for two years or more, who shall retire from the service of the City of Boston, shall, upon application within three months after date of such retirement, receive one-half of the total amount paid by such teacher into said fund.

Sect. 11. This act shall be binding upon all teachers entering the service of the City

of Boston after it goes into effect, and upon such of the teachers in the service of said city at the time of its enactment as may thereafter elect to come under its provisions, and notice in writing to the Superintendent of Schools, signed by the teacher so electing shall be conclusive as to said election.

Sect. 12. The term "teacher" in this act shall include all supervisors, superintendents of instruction, principals and regular instructors in the public day schools.

Sect. 13. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Senate Resolve No. 21 accompanies the report of the Committee on Cities, to whom was referred the petition of Nathaniel Hathaway and Anna H. Swift. It is entitled:

Resolve to Confirm an Act of the Street Commissioners of the City of Boston.

Resolved, That the grant made by the City of Boston, by its Street Commissioners, to Nathaniel Hathaway, of Southold, in the State of New York, and Anna H. Swift, of Dartmouth, in the County of Bristol and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, a perpetual license, irrevocable and running with the land, to maintain upon Summer street in the City of Boston the foundations of a building or buildings, in pursuance with the terms of a certain contract by and between Francis Hathaway and Thomas F. Richardson and the New England Railroad Company, recorded in the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, book 1825, page 228, which said grant is dated December 19, 1899, and is recorded in Suffolk County Registry of Deeds, book 2653, page 106, is hereby confirmed and made valid.

Senate Bill No. 22 accompanies the petition of Leonard W. Ross for legislation to define the authority of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, as to the Chestnut Hill Reservoir grounds; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Define the Authority of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston as to the Chestnut Hill Reservoir Grounds.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The provisions of Chapter 274 of the Acts of the year 1899, shall not be construed as applying to Evergreen cemetery, nor as giving to the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston the custody, care or control of any lands owned by the City of Boston, within the boundaries specified in the first section of said chapter and used for the purposes of a cemetery, nor as giving to said Board the power to take for park purposes any such lands as are now or as may be hereafter used for cemetery purposes.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Senate Bill No. 28 accompanies the petition of the Old Colony Trust Company for authority to hold real estate; referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Authorize the Old Colony Trust Company to hold Real Estate.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Old Colony Trust Company is hereby authorized to hold real estate in the City of Boston, suitable for the transaction of its business, to an amount not exceeding \$1,000,000.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Senate Bill No. 32 accompanies the petition of Charles T. Witt for legislation authorizing the improvement of certain lands of the Commonwealth at East Boston by the construction of sea-walls, piers and docks; referred to the Committee on Harbors and Public Lands. It is entitled:

An Act to Provide for the Construction of Sea-walls, Piers and Docks on Certain Lands at East Boston, owned by the Commonwealth.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. In addition to the powers heretofore granted to the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners, said Board is hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$500,000, for the filling and improvement of the lands and flats at East Boston which have been taken by the said Board under the authority of Chapter 486 of the Acts of the year 1897; for dredging said flats and excavating channels; for the construction of sea-walls, piers and docks on or adjacent to said lands and flats; and for such other purposes as, in the judgment of the Board, shall be best calculated to improve said lands and flats for use in connection with maritime commerce.

All contracts made by the Board for any of the purposes aforesaid shall be subject to the approval of the Governor and Council.

Sect. 2. To meet the expenses incurred under the provisions of this act, the Treasurer and Receiver-general is hereby authorized, with the approval of the Governor and Council, to issue scrip or certificates of indebtedness to an amount not exceeding \$500,000, for a term not exceeding forty years. Said scrip or certificates of indebtedness shall be issued as registered bonds, or with interest coupons attached, and shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of January and July in each year; shall be redeemable at maturity in the gold coin of the United States, or its equivalent; shall be designated on the face thereof Harbor Improvement Loan; shall be countersigned by the Governor, and shall be deemed a pledge of the faith and credit of the Commonwealth. Said scrip or certificates shall be sold in such installments as the Governor and Council may determine, by public advertisement, to the lowest bidder, at not less than the par value thereof, or in such other manner as the Governor and Council may determine to be for the best interest of the Commonwealth; and the Treasurer and Receiver-general shall apportion to a sinking-fund from year to year an amount sufficient, with the accumulations of said fund, to extinguish at maturity the debt incurred by said bonds. The amount necessary to meet the annual sinking-fund requirements and to pay the interest on said bonds shall be included in and be made a part of the annual State tax levy, and any premium over the par value of said bonds received from the sale thereof shall form part of the sinking-fund for their redemption.

Sect. 3. The loan issued under the authority of this act shall be in addition to and a part of the loan authorized by Chapter 513 of the Acts of the year 1897, and one sinking-fund shall be maintained for the retirement at maturity of all the bonds issued under the authority of this act and under the authority of Chapters 486 and 513 of the Acts of the year 1897.

In the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 198 accompanies the petition, taken from the files of last year, of Charles W. Pi-ree; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Authorize the Taking of Downing's Pond and Chandler's Pond in the City of Boston and City of Newton.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston is hereby authorized to take by purchase or otherwise the ponds known as Downing's pond and Chandler's pond and the lands under and adjacent thereto, situated partly in the Brighton district of the City of Boston and partly in the City of Newton, and if they deem proper, to fill any part or the whole of either or both of said ponds, and to hold the same as a part of the park system of the City of Boston.

Sect. 2. The City Treasurer of said city, on request of said Board of Park Commissioners, approved by the Mayor, may from time to time issue and sell bonds of said City of Boston to the amount of \$200,000, and to hold the proceeds thereof to pay the expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this act, the bonds so issued not to be considered in determining the debt limit of said city.

House Bill No. 204 was introduced on leave by Mr. Harrington of Boston; referred to the Committee on Judiciary. It is entitled:

An Act to Provide for the Transfer of the Harris Collection of the Charlestown Public Library to the Central Library of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The Trustees of the Boston Public Library shall have power to remove from the Charlestown branch, Boston Public Library, such books, papers, periodicals, etc., known as the "Harris Collection," to the Central Library; said Trustees may also spend the interest of the Harris fund, under conditions of the bequest, for books for this collection in the Central Library; provided, that said Trustees shall agree to spend at time of transfer a sum equal to the present accumulated interest from Harris fund, for new books to replace those taken; and provided, also, that a sum shall be spent by said Trustees each year equal to the yearly interest of the Harris bequest for books for the Charlestown branch.

Should the said Trustees fail to perform these conditions, the Harris collection must be returned to the Charlestown branch.

All agreement to the contrary of the foregoing appearing in the articles of annexation of the City of Charlestown to the City of Boston is herewith repealed.

House Bill No. 208 was introduced on leave by Mr. MacCartney of Rockland; it was referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled:

Resolve in Favor of Submitting to a Popular Vote the Question of State Ownership of the Boston and Albany Railroad.

Whereas, The stockholders of the Boston and Albany Railroad have agreed to lease their property to a foreign corporation, and have applied to the General Court to confirm and ratify this act; and

Whereas, Resolves have been introduced at the present session looking to a purchase by the Commonwealth of the Boston and Albany Railroad, and to its operation by the Commonwealth, it is

Resolved, That the following two questions shall be submitted to the voters at the next State election:

1. Shall the Legislature approve and ratify the lease of the Boston and Albany Railroad to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad?

2. Shall the State of Massachusetts purchase and operate the Boston and Albany Railroad?

House Bill No. 224 accompanies the petition of Edward H. Dockam; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act relative to Subways and Tunnels in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 22 of Chapter 548 of the Acts of the year 1894 is hereby amended by striking out in lines four and five, the words "or of Washington street between Dock square and Eliot street,"—so as to read as follows:

Section 22. Nothing in this act contained shall be construed to permit the occupation of any other part of Boston Common for any of the purposes named in this act, or of Tremont street, between Scollay square and Eliot street, or of Copley square in the City of Boston, except as specifically mentioned in this act. Nothing herein contained shall authorize except by purchase the taking of land of any railroad company.

Sect. 2. Section 26 of said Chapter 548 is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 26. Said Boston Transit Commission shall construct a tunnel or tunnels of sufficient size for two railway tracks with approaches, entrances, sidings, stations and connections therefor, and for the running of railway cars therein, from a point or points at or near Scollay square or Adams square in the City of Boston, where a suitable connection may be made with the subway or subways provided for by this act to a point on or near Maverick square in that part of Boston called East Boston, where a suitable connection with surface tracks may be made.

Sect. 3. The Boston Transit Commission shall construct in the City of Boston a subway or subways of sufficient size for two railway tracks with approaches, entrances, sidings, stations and connections therefor, and for the running of railway cars therein, through and under Washington street, or other public or private lands adjoining or near said street from a point or points within one thousand two hundred feet of the junction

of Eliot and Washington streets, through and under said Washington street to Adams square in said City of Boston; thence through and under Adams square and Washington street, connecting with other subways as constructed at Cornhill and at Hanover street; thence, as already provided for, to Causeway street.

House Bill No. 260 was introduced on leave by Mr. Harrington of Boston; referred to the Committee on Liquor Law. It is entitled:

An Act relative to Granting Liquor Licenses in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Police for the City of Boston, or any other authorized body, may grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, in accordance with existing provisions of the law, subject to the following limitations and restrictions:

First. There shall be printed upon all ballots used in the municipal elections of the City of Boston in all of the twenty-five wards an interrogatory in the following form:

Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this ward?

YES.	
NO.	

Second. If a majority of the votes cast at any municipal election in any of the twenty-five wards of the City of Boston shall be against the granting of licenses, the Board of Police, or other authorized body, shall grant no licenses in said ward for the year next ensuing, nor until a majority of the votes cast in said ward shall be in favor of license.

Third. But if a majority of the votes cast shall be for license, then the Board of Police, or other authorized body, may grant licenses under the same conditions and with the same restrictions as those prevailing before the passage of this act.

House Bill No. 293 accompanies the petition of Manassah E. Bradley; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Boston Fire Department.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The members of the Fire Department of the City of Boston shall not be required to perform more than twelve hours of duty in every twenty-four hours, except in case of emergency; and the Department shall be so organized that the members shall be divided into two shifts of twelve hours each.

Sect. 2. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the City of Boston at the next annual election, and shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the voters voting thereon.

House Bill No. 295 accompanies the petition of James F. Bliss; referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Registration of Voters in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Election Commissioners of the City of Boston shall, in each year at least five days previous to the first day of May, send by mail addressed to the person in charge of every dwelling-house, hotel or apartment-house at the number and name of street where said building is situated, a

document, to be dated the first day of May of the year when it is sent, containing inquiries as to the inhabitants of the age of twenty-one years and upward of said building, in regard to the date and place of their birth, date and place of naturalization, if naturalized, occupation, height, weight, residence previous to the first day of May, length of residence at the present abode, with blank spaces for answers to said inquiries, to be filled out by the said inhabitants and signed by them.

Sect. 2. The false answering of any of the above inquiries shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars.

Sect. 3. Said document shall be accompanied by a stamped envelope addressed to the said Election Commissioners for return of the said document when filled out. Said person in charge of said building shall cause the said document to be filled out, shall certify to the correctness of the same to the best of his knowledge and belief, and shall mail it to the Election Commissioners not later than the fifteenth day of May following the date of the document.

Sect. 4. Said person in charge, if proved to have certified knowingly to a false statement in said document, shall be punished by a fine of \$25, and if he neglects to mail said document by the said fifteenth day of May, he shall be punished by a fine of \$10.

Sect. 5. Said document shall be in the following form and of sufficient length to contain at least signatures, and shall have printed at its head, above the date, the following: "The person in charge of building number street, Boston, on receiving this document, shall cause the same to be filled out and signed by occupants of the said building, if the said document applies to any of them, calling their attention to the fact that any false answer under their signature will make them liable to arrest and to a fine of not less than \$25. Said person in charge of said building must have the said document filled out, must certify to the correctness of the same to the best of his knowledge and belief, under his signature, and mail the same to the Election Commissioners, in the envelope enclosed for this purpose, not later than the fifteenth day of May following the date of the document. And the said person in charge, if proved to have knowingly certified to a false statement in the said document, shall be subject to a fine of \$25, and if he neglects to mail the document as above, he shall be subject to a fine of \$10.

Acts of , Chapter
Boston, May 1,

We, the undersigned, residing at number street, Boston, and being of the age of twenty-one years or upward, do certify to the following answers against our names as being correct:

Date and place of birth.	Height.	When and where naturalized, if not a native.	Residence previous to the first day of May.	Signature.
Occupation.	Weight.		Length of time at present residence.	

I, John Doe, person in charge of the building at the above address, do certify that the above answers are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN DOE.

Boston, May

Sect. 6. The said Election Commissioners shall cause to be printed in the daily papers in the City of Boston, for one week, beginning with the first day of May in each year, a notice calling attention to the mailing of said document and to the fact that it must be filled out and returned to the Election Commissioners not later than the fifteenth day of May.

Sect. 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 296 accompanies the petition of James F. Bliss; referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

An Act to Define Residence as a Requisite for Voting in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. To obtain a residence in any year in a precinct of the City of Boston for the purpose of voting at a city, State or national election, the voter must, in addition to the present requisites, have been a resident in one habitation in that precinct continuously for at least thirty days previous to the first day of May in that year; and if in any year he shall not have had such a residence in the precinct where he is then living, he shall vote in the precinct where he was registered on the first day of May in the preceding year.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 298 accompanies the petition of Charles S. Sullivan; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Provide for a High School Building in the Charlestown District of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. To pay the cost of constructing and furnishing a high school building in the Charlestown district of the City of Boston, and of taking land therefor, the Treasurer of said city shall from time to time at the request of the School Committee of said city, issue and sell negotiable bonds of said city to an amount not exceeding \$300,000, which shall not be reckoned in estimating the legal debt limit of said city. The proceeds of said bonds shall be expended for the purpose aforesaid, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 408 of the Acts of the year 1895.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Resolve No. 308 accompanies the petition of Charles W. Whittier; referred to the Committee on Probate and Insolvency. It is entitled:

Resolve to Confirm the acts of Charles W. Whittier as a Justice of the Peace.

Resolved, That all acts done by Charles W. Whittier, of Boston, as a justice of the peace between the twenty-sixth day of March, 1896, and the twenty-ninth day of June, 1899, are hereby confirmed and made valid to the same extent as though he had

been during that time qualified to discharge the duties of said office.

House Bill No. 321 accompanies the petition of Joshua B. Crane and others; referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act in Addition to an act to Incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

That the Commercial Wharf Company and its successors be, and they hereby are, authorized and empowered to acquire, have, hold and possess in fee simple, leasehold or otherwise, any or all of the real estate, wharves, docks and other structures situated east of Atlantic avenue in Boston, between the land, wharf and flats of the Lewis Wharf Corporation and the land, wharf and flats of the owners of T wharf, so called, and further to acquire, have, hold and possess all the rights, easements, privileges and appurtenances belonging, or which may be used in connection with such real estate, wharves, docks and other structures.

House Bill No. 325 was introduced on leave by Mr. McCarthy of Boston; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to pay a Sum of Money to Catherine C. Dodge.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston is hereby authorized to pay to Catherine C. Dodge, widow of Enos E. Dodge, late a member of the Police Department of said city, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to serve as a police officer until the close of the financial year 1899.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 326 was introduced on leave by Mr. William E. Mahoney of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Metropolitan Water Board.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Metropolitan Water Commissioners, for the Commonwealth, shall hold as the property of the Commonwealth all the water-pipes and other property used for water purposes owned by the City of Boston outside of its limits, and shall pay to said city the value of said pipes and other property as determined by a board of three commissioners appointed on the petition of said Board or the Mayor of said city by the Superior Court of the County of Suffolk.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 337 accompanies the petition of J. F. McCarthy; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Pensioning of War Veterans who are Members of the Fire Department of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Fire Commissioner of the City of Boston shall, at his own request,

retire from active service and place upon a pension-roll any member of the Fire Department who has performed faithful service in said Department, if the member making said request served either as a soldier or as a sailor during the War of the Rebellion and received an honorable discharge, provided said member has had twenty years active service in said Department.

Sect. 2. The amount of the annual pension allowed to any person retired under the provisions of the preceding section shall be one-half the amount of compensation received by him at the time of such retirement, the same to be paid by the City of Boston.

Sect. 3. The provisions of this act are in addition to and not in repeal of any act now in force relative to pensioning members of said Fire Department.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the City Council of the City of Boston.

House Bill No. 343 accompanies the petition of Manassah E. Bradley; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Provide for the Construction of a Hospital in East Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston, by its City Council, may take and hold by purchase or otherwise all such real estate within the part of said city known as East Boston which it may deem advisable for the erection and establishment of a hospital. The proceedings for taking such land by eminent domain and for the ascertainment of damages shall be the same as provided by law in the case of the taking of land for highways by said city.

Sect. 2. The City Treasurer of said city to pay the expenses incurred for the lands taken and the building and furnishing of the hospital shall, from time to time, as ordered by the City Council, issue and sell negotiable bonds of said city to an amount not exceeding \$100,000 outside of the debt limit of said city. Said bonds shall bear interest payable semi-annually on the first days of January and July of each year; shall be registered or with interest coupons attached, be sold and disposed of in such manner and at such times and prices and in such amounts and at such rates of interest, not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum, and for such terms not less than thirty nor more than forty years, as the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor shall from time to time determine.

Sect. 3. Said Treasurer shall hold the proceeds of said bonds in the treasury of said city and pay therefrom the expenses for land and for the building thereon; provided, however, that he shall pay over to the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-funds of said city any premiums received by him in the sale of said bonds, and said Commissioners shall place all amounts so paid by said Treasurer in a sinking-fund for the payment of the bonds hereby authorized.

Sect. 4. Said hospital when completed shall be placed under the control of the Trustees of the City Hospital of the City of Boston.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 355 accompanies the petition of J. Emery Harriman; referred to the

Committee on Mercantile Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Incorporate the Marine Park Tower Company.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

J. Emery Harriman, jr., his associates and assigns, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Marine Park Tower Company, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining in the City of Boston a radial elevator tower; and authorizing the said corporation to carry passengers by means of motor road vehicles, to and from said tower, over the pier and through adjoining parkways; also, by means of elevators or otherwise, convey passengers to the top of the tower; and authorizing said company to maintain an amphitheatre, an observatory, and places for refreshment, amusement, games and entertainment; and to authorize the purchase or lease from the City of Boston, or other persons or corporations, land, buildings and locations necessary for the generation of power, and for such other purposes as may be necessary for the equipment and maintenance of said business, and for places of amusement, recreation and pleasure.

House Bill No. 370 accompanies the petition of the Lexington and Boston Street Railway; referred to the Committee on Street Railways. It is entitled:

An Act to Authorize the Lexington and Boston Street Railway Company to Operate its Railway over Private Property.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Lexington and Boston Street Railway Company may construct, operate and maintain its railway over private property, with the consent of the owners of said property, and may acquire land, by purchase or lease, for such purpose.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 371 accompanies the petition of Edmund D. Codman; referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled:

An Act to Authorize the Fitchburg Railroad Company to take Lands in Boston for Freight Purposes.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Fitchburg Railroad Company may at any time within one year from the passage of this act take for the purposes of a freight station and for terminal facilities all the land in that part of Boston formerly called Charlestown, bounded and enclosed by the Charlestown branch of the Fitchburg Railroad, the Hoosac tunnel docks, so called, the Harbor Commissioners' line and the new Charles river bridge or avenue, with the right to close all streets, lanes, courts and highways of every kind and description now in anywise crossing or upon the said premises.

Sect. 2. In the exercise of the powers granted by this act said Fitchburg Railroad Company and any person or corporation who shall sustain any damage in their property shall have all the rights, privileges and remedies and shall be subject to all the duties, liabilities and restrictions provided by the general laws of the Commonwealth in a like case.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 375 was introduced on leave by Mr. Minton of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Improvement of Stony Brook in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City Treasurer of the City of Boston from time to time at the request of the Mayor of said city shall issue bonds of said city to a total amount not exceeding \$350,000 and this sum shall not be considered in determining the debt limit of said city. The proceeds of the bonds so issued shall be used for the extension of the improvement of the channel of Stony brook in said city.

House Bill No. 386 accompanies the petition of Edward H. Dockam and others; referred to the Committee on Manufactures. It is entitled:

An Act to regulate the Price of Gas in that portion of the City of Boston known as East Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. No gas for illuminating or heating purposes shall hereafter be sold in that portion of the City of Boston known as East Boston at a price exceeding \$1 per thousand cubic feet of gas.

Sect. 2. The Supreme Judicial Court and the Superior Court shall have Jurisdiction in equity to enforce the provisions of this act by bill brought by the Board of Gas and Electric light Commissioners, or by the Attorney-general, or by the Mayor of the City of Boston, or by any consumer of gas in said city.

House Bill No. 397 accompanies the petition of Samuel H. Mitchell; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Authorize and Direct the Metropolitan Park Commission to Acquire Fuller's Wharf in Brighton as a Part of the Charles River Reservation.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows,

Section 1. The Metropolitan Park Commission, created by Chapter 407 of the Acts of the year 1893, is hereby authorized and directed to acquire by purchase or eminent domain Fuller's wharf, on Western avenue, in the Brighton district of Boston, adjacent to Western avenue-bridge across the Charles river, together with all rights in said river appurtenant thereto, as a part of the Charles river reservation.

Sect. 2. To meet the expenses incurred under the authority of this act, the Treasurer and Receiver-general shall issue scrip or certificates of indebtedness or bonds to the amount of \$40,000 as an addition to the Metropolitan Parks Loan. The sinking-fund already established by law shall also be maintained for the purpose of extinguishing scrip, certificates or bonds issued under the authority of this act. Any premiums realized on the sale of said scrip or certificates or bonds shall be applied to the payment of the interest on the loan hereby authorized as it occurs. Said scrip or certificates of indebtedness or bonds shall be issued and the said sinking-fund assessed or collected in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter 407 of the Acts of the year 1893 and acts in addition thereto and amendment thereof, including Chapter 419 of the Acts of the year 1899.

ELECTION RETURNS.

The following tables show the number of votes cast for members of the Common Council of Boston at the municipal election, December 12, 1899:

WARD ONE.

PRECINCT.	George H. Battis,* R.	Robert G. Downing, S. L.	David Goldstein, S. L.	Matthew D. Healy, D.	William Byam Jack- son,* R.	David W. Simpson,* R.	John J. Sloan, D.	Terence C. Treanor, D.	Wm. H. Young, S. L.
1	208	8	5	61	204	213	51	54	12
2	289	10	3	29	278	285	26	23	11
3	323	11	9	65	327	338	53	56	11
4	328	7	7	37	317	337	33	34	9
5	246	11	7	111	245	258	102	96	12
6	107	14	15	243	94	103	229	223	23
7	232	15	9	193	223	236	202	207	18
8	171	19	14	217	177	165	224	231	24
9	121	11	8	34	118	121	35	30	8
Tls	2,025	106	77	990	1,983	2,056	955	954	128

*Elected.

WARD TWO.

PRECINCT.	Jacob M. Freedman, R.	William C. S. Healey,* D.	Clarence C. Hors- ford, R.	Frank J. Johnson,* D.	Paul K. Olufson, R.	Alexander Robin- son, S. L.	Daniel J. Sheehan,* D.	Maritz Weiss, S. L.	Scattering.
1	70	340	68	299	55	23	289	21	....
2	61	236	59	235	57	18	215	12	1
3	103	268	125	256	96	27	242	6	....
4	77	294	64	270	57	14	255	11	....
5	55	245	56	227	49	17	227	12	....
6	98	246	109	229	91	18	232	10	....
7	48	379	52	351	42	20	355	11	....
8	95	357	72	360	64	23	350	15	....
Tls	607	2,365	605	2,227	511	160	2,165	98	1

*Elected.

WARD THREE.

PRECINCT.	William J. Carley,* D.	Frank J. Doherty,* D.	John H. Farnsworth, R.	Charles A. Horri- gan,* D.	Frederick A. Moul- ton, R.	George H. Robbins, R.
1	116	117	219	114	228	227
2	330	319	116	293	121	113
3	237	235	127	223	133	127
4	451	431	46	401	44	45
5	362	366	69	363	66	56
6	314	320	59	304	28	27
Totals	1,810	1,788	636	1,698	620	595

*Elected.

WARD FOUR.

PRECINCT.	Tobias Beck, R.	Charles A. Blethen, R.	George H. Cadigan,* D.	Prentice L. Garland, R.	J. Anderson Hyde, R. I. N. P.	Thomas A. Kelley,* D.	John P. Sull- ivan,* D.
1	92	75	271	79	13	290	267
2	171	164	106	161	11	102	94
3	180	178	199	191	21	186	192
4	109	96	240	114	11	236	236
5	42	40	295	44	5	287	317
6	110	120	165	107	10	152	169
Totals	704	673	1,276	696	71	1,253	1,275

*Elected.

WARD FIVE.

PRECINCT.	Arthur W. Dolan,* D.	John F. Gih- bons,* D.	James Har- vey, R.	John C. Har- ley,* D.	George P. Porter, R.	Joseph L. Sackett, S. L.	William A. Sargent, R.
1	130	113	207	128	203	10	201
2	277	247	138	276	122	17	123
3	312	289	34	348	33	15	30
4	174	150	105	156	103	16	104
5	336	296	103	282	97	22	87
6	230	201	89	218	91	12	89
Totals	1,459	1,296	676	1,408	649	92	634

*Elected.

WARD SIX.

PRECINCT.	Andrew A. Bada- racco,* D.	Patrick H. Brad- ley,* D.	William H. Brad- ley, R.	Martin B. Cook, R.	Manuel P. Davis, R.	Thomas J. Grady,* D.	Morris Kaplan, S. L.	Abraham Kor- netz, S. L.	John T. O'Brien, D. L. N. P.	William H. O'Brien, D. L. N. P.	Wm. J. O'Brien, D. L. N. P.
1	160	162	45	23	28	167	4	3	8	13	171
2	267	286	60	22	26	290	10	10	13	12	149
3	248	221	77	32	44	211	16	11	8	13	160
4	206	199	49	14	19	181	11	6	14	19	151
5	239	208	103	78	71	168	27	19	17	12	148
6	53	68	144	158	141	62	10	5	6	2	22
7	209	212	76	53	56	167	28	23	24	22	141
8	182	240	21	7	7	180	11	6	16	14	124
Tls	1,564	1,596	575	387	392	1,426	117	83	106	107	1,066

*Elected.

WARD SEVEN.

PRECINCT.	Edward T. Barnes, R.	Daniel J. Don- nelly,* D.	Edgar B. Else- worth, R.	Patrick Ma- honey, S. L.	William Peel, D. L. N. P.	Lewis Pen- nini, R.	James H. Stone,* D.	John L. Sull- ivan, D.	J. A. Sweezy,* D. I. N. P.
1	105	100	106	18	14	104	94	91	67
2	74	89	63	15	13	56	164	103	227
3	100	152	89	28	26	93	139	166	111
4	98	55	115	7	8	119	42	76	86
5	18	271	22	23	15	31	247	241	216
6	26	255	34	10	13	30	304	182	163
Tls	421	922	429	101	89	433	990	859	870

*Elected.

WARD EIGHT.

PRECINCT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totals
Lawrence J. Agnew, R. C. N. P.	20	34	33	65	25	10	184
Wm. E. Andrews, R.	11	23	59	221	90	72	622
William A. Bates, R. C. N. P.	11	67	164	33	33	39	344
Charles M. Burton, R. C. N. P.	11	23	65	22	11	26	158
Nathan Finestone, D. S. N. P.	26	17	111	53	45	25	158
Harry Gordon, R.	111	111	229	171	151	189	986
Michael F. Hart,* D.	358	252	95	328	339	369	1,768
Daniel J. Kiley,* D.	363	252	95	349	326	354	1,739
Martin Leftovith,* D.	376	227	62	349	366	338	1,718
Abe Levin, S. L.	20	19	12	19	39	22	131
Benjamin Ramln, D. S. N. P.	25	11	14	27	37	18	132
Harry Sherman, S. L.	30	23	4	20	33	29	139
Meyer Tafshinsky, S. L.	19	10	4	13	25	22	93

*Elected.

WARD NINE.

PRECINCT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
Samuel Ascher, D. I. N. P.	26	44	32	28	45	15	13	203
Henry C. Clax- ton, R.	93	84	5	96	179	166	69	682
Charles S. Cow- ans, R. H. N. P.	59	77	7	103	135	118	43	542
Frank H. Cowin, D. I. N. P.	28	32	19	30	20	20	50	199
Daniel L. Flana- gan,* D.	212	246	295	223	125	82	263	1,446
D. Frank Ford, R.	84	89	3	105	173	153	51	668
George Giguere, S. L.	30	20	19	26	15	20	7	137
John Grishaver, S. L.	30	27	21	22	23	18	1	142
Samuel Kasa- nof,* D.	232	105	245	123	99	51	164	1,178
Peter S. Ring, D. I. N. P.	76	114	166	123	44	37	174	733
Jay Robert Sim- mons, S. L.	33	21	16	26	21	19	8	144
John J. Tobin,* D.	226	267	272	218	113	81	253	1,430

*Elected.

WARD TEN.

PRECINCT.	James A. Bresnahan, S. L.	John J. Gillespie, R. I. N. P.	Alfred F. Kinney,* R.	Walter Ralph Mansfield,* R.	Osborn Arthur Newton,* R.	Timothy O'Sullivan, D.	Samuel Troeder, D.
1	42	30	89	88	82	137	121
2	28	49	166	170	150	105	80
3	26	61	167	161	141	44	38
4	22	91	173	186	154	26	25
5	9	43	151	145	149	23	28
6	18	90	228	234	180	34	38
7	21	87	348	372	299	51	55
8	40	118	330	353	258	91	95
9	17	37	211	217	180	41	48
Totals . . .	223	606	1,863	1,926	1,593	552	528

* Elected.

WARD ELEVEN.

PRECINCT.	Edward A. Arm- stead,* R.	Hollis French, D.	William S. Mitchell, D.	Walter H. Reynolds, D.	Wm. S. B. Stevens,* R.	Lawrence M. Stock- ton,* R.
1	226	103	81	89	246	245
2	222	129	133	122	175	174
3	180	171	157	148	189	193
4	182	236	126	147	245	283
5	134	173	38	82	216	264
6	167	98	31	55	205	219
7	204	123	36	61	261	288
8	140	148	24	69	219	255
9	213	95	29	64	250	279
Totals . . .	1,668	1,276	655	837	2,006	2,200

* Elected.

WARD TWELVE.

PRECINCT.	Samuel D. Basch, D.	Richard T. Harris, D.	Benhard Johnson, S. L.	Donald N. MacDonald,* R.	Joseph I. McLaughlin, D.	Arthur K. Peck,* R.	Harry S. Upham,* R.	William R. Wilson, S. L.
1	71	61	8	307	58	299	290	6
2	71	55	15	289	43	306	289	14
3	147	140	9	168	134	166	156	8
4	131	127	22	253	124	249	244	17
5	106	98	26	216	104	230	220	17
6	327	295	34	163	297	168	159	32
7	257	231	23	134	231	140	130	19
Totals . . .	1,110	1,007	137	1,530	991	1,558	1,488	113

* Elected.

WARD THIRTEEN.

PRECINCT.	Daniel Carroll, D.I.N.P.	Henry C. Clements, R.	Timothy Driscoll, S. L.	Joseph Gerritor, S. L.	Lawrence J. Kelly,* D.	Frank J. Linahan,* D.	John E. L. Monaghan,* D.	Hubert Parro, S. L.	Albert D. Parsons, R.	James F. Preston, R.
1	27	22	31	17	287	267	249	13	16	18
2	64	19	29	14	349	266	248	17	15	19
3	29	15	18	17	274	279	245	14	11	13
4	32	36	19	12	284	280	268	12	34	34
5	34	39	26	20	269	264	258	18	33	32
6	39	52	25	14	197	201	184	14	48	30
7	64	17	19	15	290	269	264	11	19	23
8	23	24	16	21	243	232	227	14	19	20
Totals . . .	312	224	183	130	2,193	2,058	1,943	113	195	189

* Elected.

WARD FOURTEEN.

PRECINCT.	George A. Donahoe,* D.	Walter W. Frisbee, R.	Frederick D. Lawley, R.	Henry Lithauer, S. L.	Edward L. Logan,* D.	J. Frank O'Hare,* D.	George F. Robbins, R.
1	429	113	113	26	434	430	114
2	427	56	44	35	424	439	43
3	226	91	90	14	239	245	97
4	152	182	185	14	169	162	175
5	188	224	210	33	198	184	209
6	164	195	193	21	172	163	184
7	270	183	188	30	224	264	167
8	212	189	202	29	230	222	171
Totals . . .	2,068	1,233	1,225	202	2,090	2,109	1,160

* Elected.

WARD FIFTEEN.

PRECINCT.	Julius Aaron, S. L.	Cornellus Bechtholdt, S. L.	John D. Fenton,* D.	Joseph P. Foley, S. L.	John H. Giblein,* D.	Horace M. Greer, R.	William T. Haynes, R.	Charles D. Smith, R.	William L. White,* D.
1	8	10	166	15	139	56	58	60	137
2	15	17	304	28	311	28	29	28	326
3	21	16	238	23	241	75	76	82	260
4	10	9	210	23	230	98	95	96	230
5	17	15	244	51	269	88	92	111	227
6	13	12	144	15	161	161	161	166	149
7	30	25	191	58	200	123	114	123	177
8	26	18	213	62	207	114	103	113	192
Totals . . .	140	122	1,710	275	1,758	743	728	779	1,698

* Elected.

WARD SIXTEEN.

PRECINCT.	Frank S. Atwood,* R.	David Callahan, D.	George S. Densmore, S. L.	William H. Gavin, D.	William McG. Grant,* R.	Oscar R. Ostberg, S. L.	Michael I. Tully, D.	Frank E. Wells,* R.	Scattering.
1	137	180	38	185	119	33	164	117	..
2	114	262	35	290	127	37	247	115	3
3	203	272	27	291	224	27	256	194	..
4	329	130	22	139	294	40	118	326	..
5	233	158	15	142	205	11	138	238	..
6	330	48	9	52	316	4	40	332	..
7	187	327	22	304	165	16	352	169	..
Totals . . .	1,533	1,377	168	1,403	1,450	168	1,315	1,491	3

* Elected.

WARD SEVENTEEN.

PRECINCT.	William H. Ames, R.	Timothy L. Connolly,* D.	James M. Curley,* D.	George A. Flynn,* D.	Byrum W. Hatch R.	Alfred R. Mitchell, R.
1	53	236	274	235	46	55
2	61	238	254	250	59	69
3	188	149	138	138	184	191
4	232	195	179	186	225	231
5	88	220	249	248	85	87
6	43	217	251	273	36	46
7	64	264	295	304	70	70
8	159	295	318	358	150	157
9	189	167	176	191	186	181
Totals . . .	1,077	1,981	2,134	2,183	1,041	1,087

* Elected.

WARD EIGHTEEN.

PRECINCT.	Charles H. Barker, R.	John J. Curley,* D.	William E. Good,* D.	Michael W. Kelley,* D.	John J. McAlduff, R.	Charles O. Nordling, S. L.	Thomas W. Pritchard, R.	Sven A. Rydwall, S. L.	Carl Schluter, S. L.
1	101	333	338	292	93	42	85	22	27
2	126	269	269	248	101	31	105	32	30
3	235	199	190	186	211	27	217	25	23
4	219	277	272	249	200	43	195	27	27
5	88	406	394	433	68	18	70	18	19
6	186	339	347	329	160	24	169	24	24
Totals . . .	955	1,823	1,810	1,737	838	185	841	148	150

* Elected.

WARD NINETEEN.

PRECINCT.	William H. Doyle,* D.	Lyman C. Fisher, R.	Frank J. Gruner, jr., R.	William O'S. Hennigan,* D.	James McInerney,* D.	Albert F. Norris, R.	C. Arvid Olson, S. L.
1	265	111	108	263	261	104	21
2	272	102	94	226	230	92	29
3	392	52	49	378	404	47	38
4	348	88	84	321	329	84	30
5	210	127	114	180	188	118	22
6	265	157	142	245	229	147	35
7	415	124	122	396	400	120	44
8	313	94	85	378	290	79	41
Totals	2,480	855	798	2,387	2,331	791	260

* Elected.

WARD TWENTY.

PRECINCT.	Oliver F. Davenport,* R.	Maurice S. Fitzgerald, D.	John Fulton, jr., D.	John P. Hatch, D.	George R. Miller,* R.	Axel Konrad Peterson, S. L.	George O. Wood,* R.
1	378	186	178	211	363	22	351
2	367	237	220	224	351	22	345
3	265	207	201	191	252	10	250
4	147	317	286	265	140	15	141
5	359	256	245	241	351	18	348
6	471	153	148	138	464	38	437
7	415	144	148	159	406	18	394
8	442	112	111	109	426	20	428
Totals	2,844	1,612	1,537	1,538	2,753	163	2,694

* Elected.

WARD TWENTY-ONE.

PRECINCT.	William H. Blatt, D.	William M. Curtis,* R.	Fred A. Emery,* R.	John J. Johnston, jr., D.	Henry M. Pierce, D.	Clarence W. Starratt,* R.
1	118	218	266	160	132	247
2	206	212	242	215	200	211
3	94	137	151	160	98	146
4	110	256	256	147	129	271
5	157	231	238	173	158	239
6	94	262	259	102	118	289
7	233	260	269	233	228	262
8	142	350	350	149	143	353
9	115	346	291	178	129	296
Totals	1,269	2,272	2,352	1,517	1,335	2,314

* Elected.

WARD TWENTY-TWO.

PRECINCT.	James W. Gibbons, D.	Edward Percy Gould, R. I. N. P.	Louis Hinrichs, S. L.	Jeremiah J. Hourin, D.	George W. Lorey, R. I. N. P.	Carl Müller, S. L.	William H. Nitz,* R.	William G. Roemer,* R.	Charles F. Sefton, D.	William L. Strickland,* R.
1	231	41	31	215	170	43	281	321	221	293
2	290	15	32	327	44	37	104	105	285	97
3	292	16	19	240	24	22	62	64	285	54
4	138	33	27	115	53	31	236	289	135	251
5	165	38	42	207	94	49	175	221	161	197
6	50	26	18	48	88	16	234	258	45	250
7	88	27	5	75	48	7	284	293	85	302
8	222	25	36	206	39	40	185	204	236	186
Totals	1,476	221	210	1,433	560	245	1,560	1,755	1,453	1,630

* Elected.

WARD TWENTY-THREE.

PRECINCT.	James F. Bigelow, D.	Louis Dick, D.	Walter E. Hender,* R.	Joseph H. Hogan, D.	Gustave Kleindienst, S. L.	Max Kleindienst, S. L.	J. Henry Smith,* R.	Frederick W. White,* R.
1	99	95	207	102	7	9	194	185
2	320	296	112	306	10	12	83	77
3	283	276	93	251	21	19	77	68
4	215	211	173	249	11	16	176	169
5	194	203	301	189	44	39	316	291
6	84	98	343	67	26	27	360	348
7	87	76	278	65	14	14	280	278
8	58	55	329	52	7	6	337	327
9	123	121	114	122	14	8	114	105
Totals	1,463	1,431	1,950	1,403	154	150	1,937	1,848

* Elected.

WARD TWENTY-FOUR.

PRECINCT.	Herbert W. Burr,* R.	Dennis J. Coleman, D.	John Devine, D.	William E. Hannan,* R.	Thomas F. Keogh, S. L.	James E. McLaughlin, D.	Samuel H. Mldran,* R.
1	179	229	201	184	20	196	163
2	250	173	121	236	15	133	234
3	375	146	123	380	22	136	363
4	248	147	110	289	14	123	241
5	272	86	79	306	24	89	264
6	238	145	135	242	25	145	228
7	392	120	116	386	16	108	398
8	435	183	191	413	42	168	431
9	285	149	144	279	35	147	282
Totals	2,674	1,378	1,220	2,715	213	1,245	2,604

* Elected.

WARD TWENTY-FIVE.

PRECINCT.	Bartholomew J. Dooley, D.	Arthur B. Gillpatrick, D.	Frank H. Howe,* R.	John J. McCarthy, D.S.N.P.	Thomas M. Roddy, D.	Clarence W. Sanderson,* R.	Harvey W. Walker,* R.
1	125	196	269	50	114	253	280
2	57	135	335	51	40	297	321
3	48	183	238	24	45	222	258
4	200	237	83	80	205	107	89
5	217	236	161	69	156	195	157
6	146	189	262	64	111	283	253
7	250	272	167	81	180	178	164
Totals	1,043	1,448	1,515	419	851	1,535	1,522

* Elected.

NOTE.—R. signifies Republican; S. L., Socialist Labor; D., Democratic; R. I. N. P., Republican Independent Nomination Paper; D. L. N. P., Democratic Labor Nomination Paper; D. I. N. P., Democratic Independent Nomination Paper; R. C. N. P., Republican Citizens' Nomination Paper; D. S. N. P., Democratic Social Nomination Paper; R. H. N. P., Republican Hart Nomination Paper.

LINUS E. PEARSON,
TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,
GEORGE P. SANGER,
JOHN H. DONOVAN,
Board of Election Commissioners.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee chamber, Mason-street building, at 7.30 P.M., Tuesday, January 23, 1900, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Mr. Burrill.

The Superintendent presented the following:

The resignations of seven teachers which were accepted; the appointments of three temporary teachers, which were placed on file; the reappointments of three temporary teachers, which were laid over under the rule and the confirmation of three teachers, which were laid over under the rule.

Leaves of absence were granted to seventeen teachers.

The appointments of eight special assistant teachers were laid over under the rule as were also the appointments of fourteen teachers on probation, except the appointment of W. Allen Sylvester, to be assistant instructor in Manual Training schools, which was referred to the Committee on Manual Training.

The transfers of three teachers were laid over under the rule. The appointments of seven teachers in evening schools were approved under suspension of the rules; the reappointments of five teachers were laid over under the rule, as were also the appointments of two teachers on probation.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, leave of absence was granted Sarah R. Wentworth, assistant, grammar school, in the Sherwin District, to date from February

1, 1900, on half pay, under a suspension of the rules; and her resignation was accepted, to take effect February 1, 1901; leave of absence was also granted to Ada M. Fitts, assistant, grammar school, in the Hyde District, under a suspension of the rules, from March 1 to July 1, 1900.

On motion of Mr. Kenney, it was

Ordered, That an additional ungraded class be allowed in the Wells District, making three in all.

Mr. Aldrich presented the following:

FANEUIL IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATION.

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

We, the undersigned, citizens of Boston, residents of that part of the Brighton district thereof called Fanueil, respectfully call your attention to the lot upon which the Hobart-street School is located; representing that said lot contains but 10,000 square feet of land, that frame dwellings have been erected within twenty-five feet of said school-house on the west, and with the prospect of others being erected in the near future on other sides equally as near.

We believe that this site should be enlarged, and do hereby petition that the adjoining lot containing about 8,700 square feet be purchased and added to the said site.

JOHN W. HARVEY
(and eighty-one others).

Referred to the Committee on New Buildings.

On motion of Mr. Anderson, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to petition the Legislature for the passage of an act authorizing the City of Boston to pay to the widow of T. Henry Wason, late sub-master in the Brimmer School, the balance of salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold office until August 31, 1899.

Mr. Merritt offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to petition the Legislature for an amount of \$1,000,000 during the current year, and \$500,000 during each of the next succeeding four years, to be expended by this Board for additional school accommodations, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 408 of the Acts of 1895.

Passed.

Mr. McDonald offered the following:

Ordered, That the Auditing Clerk be, and he hereby is, authorized to contract, in behalf of this Board, with the American Express Company, in a sum not exceeding \$750 for transportation and credits required in connection with the installation of the work of the public schools at the Paris Exposition, according to the votes passed by the Special Committee on the Paris Exposition for the year 1899.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At its meeting on Tuesday, January 30, 1900, the Board of Aldermen voted to adjourn till Monday, February 5, 1900, at 3 P.M.

LEGALITY OF ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

Following is the opinion of Attorney-general Knowlton, in which an information against Daniel J. Kiley, President of the Common Council, on the ground that he was unlawfully elected to that office, is refused:

This was an application to the Attorney-general for the filing of an information against the respondent, alleging that he was unlawfully appointed to the office of President of the Common Council, and that he holds such office in violation of law.

There is no doubt of the authority of the Attorney-general to file such an information. Dillon on Corporations, Section 272. Attorney-general vs. Sullivan, 163 Mass. 446. The office of the President of the Common Council, which is created by the city charter (Statute 1854, Chapter 448, Section 54), the incumbent of which may under some circumstances become Acting Mayor (Statute 1882, Chapter 182), is undoubtedly a public office, the title to which can properly be tried by quo warranto.

The information alleges, and the relators offered before me to prove:

(1.) That at the first meeting of the members-elect the senior member took the chair, and, after calling the Council to order, entertained and declared carried a motion to adjourn, after which no proceedings of the Council could be had excepting upon a new summons.

(2.) That after such adjournment the respondent, without election or right, assumed the chair, and directed the roll to be called for the election of a President, in which roll-call but twenty-seven members responded, a quorum being thirty-eight.

(3.) That such a pretended election was void, less than a quorum being present, notwithstanding the fact that the respondent announced that other members-elect were present in the room sufficient to constitute a quorum of the whole Council.

If the above propositions were the only ones to be considered, I should feel it my duty to sign the information. It is not necessary that the Attorney-general should be satisfied that the information which he is called upon to sign can be maintained. If the questions raised by it are doubtful, and the matter is one of public importance, it is his duty to sign the information, even though he may be of opinion that it cannot be maintained, for the reason that the questions involved cannot otherwise be determined. I am of opinion that, but for other considerations to which I shall hereafter refer, one of the questions submitted by the information would be of sufficient public importance, and so doubtful, as to make it a fit subject for judicial determination.

I do not think the rights of the members-elect were concluded by the alleged adjournment declared by the senior member.

The undisputed facts are that having called the Council to order, he entertained a motion to adjourn, put it to vote without count, declared it carried, and, although at once and seasonably the result of the vote was doubted by one of the members, he refused to entertain the doubt and left the chair.

I think this proceeding was in violation of one of the first principles of parliamentary law, which requires sufficient verification of a vote. A member disputing the result of the uncounted vote could not be heard to doubt the result of such a vote until it had been declared. He had the right seasonably to express such a doubt and to insist that there be a count. No such opportunity was given, for the presiding officer left the chair immediately and refused to act upon the request.

Moreover, it was the business of the Council to organize. The member who assumed the chair had no greater rights in the matter than any other member. It is only by courtesy that the senior member presides at an organization. If he abandons that duty, the members have a right to select some other person to take the chair and complete the business for which the Council is met. The rights of the Council did not cease by the abdication of the person who had assumed the chair; and, whatever may be said of the propriety and good taste of the respondent in assuming the chair and proceeding with the organization of the Council, I have no doubt of his legal right so to do; at least, until he was displaced by the election of some other person as temporary presiding officer.

The proceedings, however, under which he claims to have been elected, were, to say the least, of doubtful validity. Statute of 1899, Chapter 170, requires that the election of the President of the Common Council shall be by a viva voce vote, "each member who is present answering to his name when it is called . . . or declining to vote, as the case may be." More than a majority of the members-elect failed to respond to their names, and the number who voted, all votes being for the respondent, was much less than a quorum. Such an election would be valid if a quorum were in fact present, the number of votes cast being more than one-half of all who were present; but the only evidence of such quorum was the statement of the respondent, while occupying the chair, that there were present in the room enough members, in addition to those who voted, to make a quorum. That this was so is strenuously denied by the relators, and, if this were the only question in the case, I should certainly feel it my duty to permit the question to be raised by this information.

In a case somewhat similar in its circumstances in the national House of Representatives, the presiding officer named the persons whom he declared to be present, and thus made their presence a matter of record. It is, at least, questionable whether, without such a record, it would be competent for a presiding officer to declare the presence of a quorum and make his declaration conclusive evidence of the fact of a quorum.

But it appeared at the hearing that a subsequent meeting of the Council was called by the Mayor on the eleventh day of January. At this meeting a ye and nay vote was passed approving the records of the previous meeting. These records were made and duly signed by one O'Kane, who had been the duly elected Clerk of the previous Common Council, and who, it is claimed, under the ordinances of the city, held over until the election of a new Clerk.

The records were approved without reading. I do not deem this of importance,

however, for it was the right of any member to have the records read, and failure to do so must be taken to impute knowledge of whatever they contained to the members who voted to approve the same. More than a quorum of the whole number of members of the Common Council voted to approve the records of the first meeting. The records so approved set forth the yea and nay vote under which the respondent claims to have been elected, and the declaration of the presiding officer that other members were present sufficient to make a quorum of the whole Council. The respondent has since acted as President of the Council without further objection, and measures of financial importance have been passed by the body so organized. I am of opinion that this vote must be taken as a ratification of whatever irregularities existed in the original election. The ultimate purpose of all parliamentary regulations is to ascertain and register the will of the majority. In whatever manner that will is conclusively ascertained, the result, in my judgment, must be taken to be the act of the entire body.

It is claimed, however, that Statutes 1899, Chapter 170, require a viva voce vote, and that it does not appear, even by the records approved, that such a vote was taken at a meeting when a quorum was present. But this statute relates only to the manner of voting, and does not touch the questions raised.

A majority of the Council, by the approval of the records declaring a quorum present, have said that such a quorum was present. This being so, and the vote having been taken in accordance with the provisions of the statute, the purpose of the statute has been fulfilled.

It is also contended that O'Kane could not hold over, and was not authorized to act as Clerk until election by the Council of 1900. Without discussing the merits of this question, it is sufficient to say that he was de facto Clerk, and was recognized as such, and, under the familiar principles of law applicable to such subjects, his acts have all the force of a Clerk de jure until they are directly impeached by a proceeding brought to test the legality of his office. This is not such a proceeding, for it is aimed, not at the legality of his election, but at that of an officer claiming to have been elected at the meetings in which he was acting as Clerk de facto.

No public purpose can be served by this information. A clear majority of the Common Council has expressed, in the most conclusive way, their desire that the respondent shall continue to act as President of the Council. There is no other claimant to the office whose rights are lost by failure to file this information. On the contrary, I assume that even in case the information should accomplish its purpose of ousting the respondent, he would immediately be re-elected. There is no cloud thrown upon the proceedings of the Council by reason of his incumbency of the office, for it is well settled that the acts of an officer de facto are binding and effectual until he is ousted by judgment of a court or competent jurisdiction.

For the foregoing reasons I am of opinion that it is my duty to refuse the application.

HOSEA M. KNOWLTON,

Attorney-general.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that persons who desire to become eligible for appointment to the positions of assistant custodian and janitor, elevator conductor, engineer, (second and third class) fireman, janitor and watchman, in the Federal buildings in this city, should apply for application blank (Form 1052), which may be obtained from E. E. Stebbins, Secretary Board of Examiners, Room 141 Post Office building, Boston, Mass. These applications after being properly executed should be forwarded direct to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C.

No educational tests will be given for the positions mentioned, but applicants will be graded upon the elements of age, character as a workman, experience and physical qualifications, upon the information brought out in the answers made to the questions in the applications and vouchers and medical certificates. Applicants must be between 21 and 50 years of age and free from any serious disability. It will not be necessary for applicants to appear at any place for examination.

The Commission also announces the following examinations to be held in this and other cities in the United States where it has a Board of Examiners:

February 6—For the position of telegrapher qualified as stenographer-typewriter in the Department of Justice at a salary of \$900 per annum. Applicants should be expert telegraphers, at least fair typewriters and should be able to take short dictations in stenography. For the position of shoe inspector, quartermaster's department at large, Philadelphia, Pa., at an annual salary of \$1,200. Applicants should be practical shoemakers.

February 6 and 7—For the position of record or identification clerk, United States Penitentiary, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, at a salary of \$1,200 per annum. One of the requirements is a knowledge of the "Bertillon" system of identification. For the position of assistant ethnologic librarian, Smithsonian Institution, at a salary of \$60 per month.

February 15—For the position of library clerk, division of forestry, Department of Agriculture, at a salary of \$900 per annum.

February 15 and 16—For the position of assistant and expert in forestry history, Department of Agriculture, at a salary of \$1,000 per annum.

These examinations are open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements. All such citizens are invited to apply. They will be examined, graded and certified with entire impartiality and wholly without regard to any consideration save their ability as shown by the grade attained by them in the examination.

Persons desiring to compete should at once apply to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., or to E. E. Stebbins, Room 141, Post Office building, Boston, Mass., for application blanks (Forms 304 and 375), which should be properly executed and promptly filed with the Commission.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

January 20, 1900.

General Order No. 659.

I. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Samuel E. Hunt, of Division 7, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Conduct unbecoming an officer while absent from duty, the Board finds the said Patrolman Hunt guilty, and sentences him to a forfeiture of thirty days' pay.

II. In the matter of the complaint made by Annie Sauanders against Patrolman John F. Brady and Reserve Officer Thomas M. Towle, both of Division 1, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Conduct unbecoming officers in speech and behavior, the Board finds the said Patrolman Brady and Reserve Officer Towle guilty, and sentences them to a forfeiture of ten days' pay each.

III. In the matter of the complaint made by Thomas J. O'Hara against Patrolman John F. Welch, of Division 1, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Conduct unbecoming an officer, the Board finds the said Patrolman Welch not guilty, and orders the complaint to be dismissed.

January 22, 1900.

General Order No. 660.

I. Patrolmen Orlando H. Curtis and George H. McCaffrey, of Division 1, having been commended by their captain for prompt action in stopping a runaway horse on Hanover street on the twelfth instant, they are hereby commended in General Orders, and allowed two days' additional vacation each.

II. Patrolman Joseph P. Glancy, of Division 1, having been commended by his captain for prompt action and courage displayed in stopping a pair of runaway horses on Causeway street on January 16, instant, he is hereby commended in General Orders, and allowed two days' additional vacation.

III. Patrolman Harry S. Wood, of Division 1, having been commended by his captain for courage and prompt action displayed in stopping a runaway horse on Commercial street on the twenty-ninth of December, 1899, he is hereby commended in General Orders and allowed two days' additional vacation.

IV. Patrolman Michael J. McDonough, of Division 3, having been commended by his captain for prompt action and intelligence shown in saving a person from burning to death on the tenth instant, he is hereby commended in General Orders and allowed three days' additional vacation.

V. Patrolman George H. Foley, of Division 4, having been commended by his captain for courage and prompt action shown in rescuing persons from a burning building at 21 Albany street on the evening of the third instant, and saving a child from being killed by a falling ladder at the same time and place, he is hereby commended in General Orders and allowed two days' additional vacation.

VI. Patrolman Gershom S. Files, of Division 5, having been commended by his captain for courage and promptness shown in stopping a runaway horse on December 15,

1899, on Appleton street, he is hereby commended in General Orders and allowed two days' additional vacation.

VII. Patrolman Daniel J. Sullivan, of Division 12, having been commended for prompt action and courage shown in stopping a runaway horse at the corner of N and East Seventh streets on the second of October, 1899, he is hereby commended in General Orders and allowed two days' additional vacation.

VIII. The following transfers in the Department are hereby ordered to take effect at roll-call, 5.45 o'clock, P.M., Tuesday, the twenty-third instant:

Patrolman John F. Brady, Division 1 to Division 12; Reserve Officer Thomas M. Towle, Division 1 to Division 9; Patrolman Stephen J. Kline, Division 2 to Division 7; Reserve Officer Herbert E. Stevens, Division 3 to Division 4; Reserve Officer Otis D. Parmenter, Division 4 to Division 3; Patrolman Michael J. Kelly, Division 4 to Division 16; Reserve Officer John S. Clark, Division 5 to Division 6; Patrolman Nahum J. Kidder, Division 6 to Division 16; Patrolman Samuel E. Hunt, Division 7 to Division 16; Patrolman John H. Sweeney, Division 9 to Division 1; Patrolman George W. Watts, Division 11 to Division 5; Patrolman James H. Waldron, Division 12 to Division 1; Reserve Officer Frederic G. Higgins, Division 16 to Division 4; Patrolman Michael F. Hunt, Division 16 to Division 2; Patrolman John McCusker, Division 16 to Division 11.

January 23, 1900.

General Order No. 661.

Patrolman John B. Glawson, of Division 3, having been commended by his captain and the United States Secret Service for tact and intelligence shown in arresting a man for having in his possession counterfeit money, he is hereby commended in General Orders and allowed two days' additional vacation.

RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT O'SHEA.

Deputy Superintendent O'Shea, of the Sanitary Division of the Street Department, has presented his resignation to Superintendent of Streets Wells. Mr. O'Shea has occupied this position for the past four years, and has recently accepted an offer to represent eastern capital in mining interests in Missouri. From 1891 to 1894, inclusive, Mr. O'Shea was Superintendent of Lamps of the City of Boston.

Bills have been presented to the Massachusetts Legislature providing that a day's work for all persons employed by street or steam railway companies shall not exceed eight hours in ten consecutive hours, and for engineers, firemen, conductors and brakemen a day's work shall not exceed a run of 100 miles to be completed within said time, and that the hours of labor of all employees of markets and grocery shops shall not exceed sixty hours per week.

Awards of Contracts.

Penal Institutions Department.

Bids were received and opened at the office of the Penal Institutions Commissioner, at 12.30 P.M., Monday, January 22, 1900, for the supply of beef, mutton, fish, and granite, for the Penal Institutions Department for the year ending February 1, 1901, as follows (the prices for beef, mutton and fish are for 100 pounds):

BEEF.

ITEMS.	J. A. Hathaway & Co.	J. V. Fletcher & Sons.	S. S. Learnard.	N. E. Hollis.
Soup	\$4 49	\$4 95	\$5 00	\$5 00
Rump	12 50	12 50	13 50	12 50
Corned	6 25	6 75	6 75	6 87
Round	7 50	8 00	8 25	8 50
Sirloin	19 00	22 00	22 00	20 00
Chucks	5 75	6 00	6 50	6 40

The contract was awarded to J. A. Hathaway & Co.

MUTTON.

ITEMS.	I. E. Noyes.	J. A. Hathaway & Co.	J. V. Fletcher & Sons.
Hindquarter	\$8 00	\$8 00	\$9 00
Forequarter	4 50	4 50	5 00
Whole mutton	6 00	.....	7 00

The contract was awarded to Increase E. Noyes.

FRESH FISH.

ITEMS.	Haskins Fish Company.	J. Burns & Co.	F. J. O'Hara & Co.
Cod	\$3 25	\$2 50	\$2 37½
Haddock	2 75	2 50	2 37½
Cusk	2 75	2 50	2 37½
Steak cod	5 00	3 50	3 50
Halibut	11 00	10 00	10 00
Trout	10 00	6 00	10 00
Bluefish	10 00	8 00	10 00
Salmon	18 00	15 00	10 00

The contract was awarded to F. J. O'Hara & Co.

SALT FISH.

ITEMS.	Caswell, Livermore & Co.	J. Burns & Co.
Cusk	\$3 25	\$3 00
Hake	2 50	3 00
Pollock	2 50	3 00
Cod	3 25	3 75
Large cod	5 00	5 00

The contract was awarded to Caswell, Livermore & Co.

GRANITE.

ITEMS.	Pigeon Hill Granite Company.	Rockport Granite Company.	Edwin Canney.
* Edgestones . . .	\$0 35	\$0 33	\$0 29 ³ / ₁₀
Catch-basins:			
100 pieces . . .	6 75	6 30	5 97
20 pieces . . .	6 75	6 30	5 97
30 pieces . . .	6 75	6 30	5 97

* 50,000 linear feet, with the privilege of taking more at the same rate, each piece not less than six feet long by twenty inches deep and seven inches thick when finished.

The contract was awarded to Edwin Canney.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Engineering Department.

Proposals for building a sea-wall on the westerly line of Dorchester avenue extension, adjoining Congress street, were opened at the office of the City Engineer on January 29, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
William L. Miller	\$11,214
William J. Lawler	9,273

The contract was awarded to William J. Lawler.

JOHN E. CHENEY,
Acting City Engineer.

School Committee.

The bids for erecting a new primary school building on the corner of Parker, Willis, and Caldwell streets, Roxbury, which were opened by the Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee on January 15, 1900, have been rejected.

Street Department.

The old ferry-boat "Ben. Franklin" was sold at public auction on Monday, January 29, 1900, to Patrick Coughlin, of Revere, for

\$2,650; Sullivan Brothers, of Boston, auctioneers. This boat had been used in the ferry-service of Boston for twenty-eight years and was unfit for further service.

Water Department.

Proposals for furnishing composition castings to the Water Department were opened at the office of the Water Commissioners January 29, 1900, as follows:

BIDDERS.	5,000 lbs. No. 1. Per lb. Cents.	14,000 lbs. No. 2. Per lb. Cents.	2,500 lbs. No. 3. Per lb. Cents.	Total.
William Curley .	24	22	16	\$4,680 00
Granular Metal Company . .	25	23½	21	5,065 00
J. H. McCafferty & Co. . . .	20½	19½	15	4,152 50
Congress Brass and Aluminum Company . .	22	20	18	4,350 00

The contract will be awarded to J. H. McCafferty & Co. when the Department appropriation is made.

Proposals for furnishing cast-iron water-pipes and specials were opened at the office of the Water Commissioner, January 24, 1900, as follows:

SIZE AND CLASS.	Number of tons called for.	PRICE PER TON.		
		Warren Foundry and Machine Company.	United States Cast-Iron Pipe and Foundry Company.	Camden Iron Works.
4-inch B	15	\$26	\$26 30	\$27 70
6-inch B	600	26	26 30	26 82
8-inch B	500	26	26 30	26 82
10-inch B	150	26	26 30	26 82
12-inch A	700	26	26 30	26 14
12-inch B	330	26	26 30	26 14
16-inch A	500	26	26 30	26 14
30-inch A	200	26	26 30	26 14
Specials	5	44	45 00	59 00
Total bids . .		\$78,090	\$78,993 50	\$79,457 70

When the Department's appropriation is made, the contract will be awarded to the Warren Foundry and Machine Company.

W. E. SWAN, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS FOR 1899 AND 1898.

The following statement by the Board of Health contains a summary of deaths in the City of Boston during 1899, with an enumeration of the principal causes, as compared with 1898:

	1899.	1898.
Total number of deaths from all causes	11,167	10,886
Population (estimated)*	555,057	541,827
Annual death rate per 1,000 inhabitants	20.12	20.09
Total number from zymotic diseases	1,444	1,470
Percentage of deaths from zymotic diseases to total mortality	12.93	13.50
Total number of still-births	539	613
Total deaths of children under 1 year	2,404	2,572
Total deaths of children under 2 years	3,032	3,154
Total deaths of children under 5 years	3,591	3,577
Percentage of deaths under 5 years to total mortality	32.15	32.86
Total number of deaths from diarrhoeal diseases, under 5 years	329	523
Total number of deaths from diarrhoeal diseases, all ages	396	599
Percentage of deaths from diarrhoeal diseases to total mortality	3.54	5.50
Principal causes of death:		
Alcoholism	68	57
Croup	27	15
Carbuncle	2	4
Cholera morbus	16	15
Cholera infantum	280	441
Cerebro spinal meningitis	88	97
Diarrhoea	69	102
Dysentery	31	41
Diphtheria	277	170
Erysipelas	42	30
Influenza	49	29
Intermittent fever	1	1
Measles	33	27
Purpura	3	7
Puerperal fever	11	8
Pyæmia	12	7
Remittent fever	—	1
Rheumatism	17	20
Scarlatina	74	33
Small-pox	5	—
Syphilis (congenital)	22	18
Syphilis	5	9
Septicæmia	61	62
Tonsillitis	1	—
Typhoid fever	165	185
Typhus fever	—	—
Whooping cough	76	68
Yellow fever	—	—
Other zymotic diseases	9	23
Cancer	402	412
Phthisis pulmonalis	1,236	1,241
Bright's disease	118	113
Bronchitis	393	380
Heart disease	966	934
Pneumonia	1,455	1,169
Old age	212	223
Violent deaths	620	616

* Estimated population on December 31, 1899 and 1898 respectively.

Bills have been introduced in the Legislature asking for authority to authorize the towns of Lexington, Concord and Arlington to make appropriations for the celebration of "Patriots' Day" — April 19.

Department Communications.

Bath Department.

The following table shows the number of baths taken daily at the East Boston Gymnasium during the month of December, 1899:

DECEMBER.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
1	319	—	—	—	319
2	170	—	320	—	490
3	90	—	25	—	115
4	275	—	—	—	275
5	—	70	—	59	129
6	90	—	229	—	319
7	—	76	—	63	139
8	231	—	—	—	231
9	110	—	229	—	339
10	101	—	15	—	116
11	219	—	—	—	219
12	—	60	—	64	124
13	—	—	318	—	318
14	—	40	—	50	90
15	229	—	—	—	229
16	112	—	207	—	319
17	115	—	—	—	115
18	217	—	—	—	217
19	—	30	—	50	80
20	114	—	185	—	299
21	—	50	—	39	89
22	189	—	—	—	189
23	96	—	216	—	312
24	65	—	10	—	75
25*	—	—	—	—	—
26	—	45	—	40	85
27	80	—	195	—	275
28	—	40	—	50	90
29	290	—	—	—	290
30	114	—	301	—	415
31	73	—	14	—	87
Totals	3,299	411	2,264	415	6,389

* Christmas Day, closed.
NOTE.—At this house women and girls are admitted only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, January 22, 1900.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending January 20, 1900:

Number of chattel mortgages	123
Number of discharges of mortgages	20
Number of assignments of mortgages	2
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	4
Number of bills of sale	11
Number of assignments of wages	42
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	5
Number of ship liens	1
Number of married women's certificates	6

Accident notices were filed as follows:

January 15—H. H. Hunnewell & Sons, windows broken by ash team at 125-131 Federal street; Margaret Kennedy, personal injuries, Causeway street.

January 17—Frank H. Weeks, personal injuries, Brooks street, East Boston.

January 18—Frank L. Graham, personal injuries, Washington street.

January 19—Margaret M. Earle, personal injuries, 596-598-600 Washington street.

January 20—Solomon Levine, personal injuries, Poplar street.

J. M. GALVIN,

City Clerk pro tempore.

Building Department.

Old Court House, December 11, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending December 9, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	3	1	2	-	1	2	1	1	5	-	
2...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
4...	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	7	2	
5...	-	-	7	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	
6...	1	6	-	5	-	-	7	5	13	35	
7...	-	1	-	2	-	-	4	6	9	49	
8...	-	5	-	-	1	-	1	-	8	10	
9...	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	13	15	
10...	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	4	21	
11...	3	1	2	-	3	-	-	6	8	35	
12...	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	8	7	17	
13...	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	2	5	
14...	-	5	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	11	
15...	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	3	
16...	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	18	
17...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	7	
18...	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	7	
19...	7	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	5	11	
20...	2	3	-	-	-	2	1	11	6	34	
21...	4	3	2	1	4	4	1	3	4	15	
22...	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	3	
23...	2	1	-	-	-	1	2	2	2	7	
24...	1	2	-	-	-	2	-	1	4	9	
25...	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	5	3	7	
T'ls.	29	37	14	10	13	13	30	56	119	327	

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, January 22, 1900.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner for the two weeks ending January 20, as follows:

Lieut. Martin J. Dunn, of Chemical Company 5, and Engineer Charles Riley, of Engine Company 24, have been honorably discharged and their names placed on the pension-roll.

Henry J. Power, Joseph A. Webber, James W. Gardner and George W. Darling have been appointed permanent substitutes.

Edward F. Anderson has been appointed to drive and assist the Chief of District 1, and James H. Smith has been appointed a call substitute, with call-man's pay, for Ladder Company 16.

Engineer George H. Hutchings, of Engine Company 43, and Hoseman Thomas J. Fitzgerald, of Engine Company 7, have been promoted to the positions of lieutenant, and assigned to Engines 24 and 9 respectively.

Assistant Engineer Cornelius F. Driscoll, of Engine Company 7, and Edward J. Lynch, of Engine Company 43, have been promoted to the positions of engineer in their respective companies.

Hoseman Charles W. Frasier, of Engine Company 8, Thomas J. Roach, of Engine Company 1, and John H. Leary, of Combination Company 3, have been promoted to the positions of assistant engineer of Engine Companies 5, 43 and 7, respectively.

The following transfers have been made: Lieut. G. R. Bancroft, Engine Company 24 to Combination Company 6; Lieut. F. H. Smith, Engine Company 9 to Chemical Company 5; Engineer John A. Ryan, Engine Company 7 to Engine Company 24; Assistant Engineer Thomas F. Gavaghan, Engine Company 5 to Engine Company 8; Walter Davey, Engine Company 44 to Ladder Company 8; Florence J. Sullivan, Ladder Company 8 to Engine Company 44; Daniel B. Barrus, Chemical Company 3 to Engine Company 7; Martin J. Little, Chemical Company 2 to Ladder Company 8; Henry J. Power, Ladder Company 8 to Chemical Company 2.

Martin Lalley, assistant to the veterinary surgeon, has been transferred to the Street Department.

Orders have been drawn as follows:

Charles Waugh & Co., for changing and remodelling spare combination ladder truck, \$465.26.

Boston Belting Company, seven pieces of suction hose, \$333.34.

B. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, January 13, 1900.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been filed:

Charles J. Jacobs, 22 Parker Hill avenue, Ward 19, six additional horses and one additional cow; hearing January 18, at 11 o'clock. S. H. Whitwell, Dalton street, south-west corner Scotia street, Ward 10, fourteen horses; hearing January 25, at 11 o'clock.

The petition of J. H. Pierce for the occupancy of a stable on 60 West Selden street, Ward 24, for two horses, was granted.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending January 13, 1900:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	37	39	76
Negative	109	72	181
No growth	1	1	2
Totals	147	112	259

Typhoid diagnoses: Nine cases; negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, January 1, 1900.

Statistics for the week ending December 30, 1899:

Cases pending	-	
Number of applications	84	84
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse, Tewksbury	41	
Long Island Almshouse	9	
Charlestown Almshouse	1	
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	3	
Boston Insane Hospital, Westboro' Insane Hospital	2	
Foxboro' Asylum	8	
	-	67
Number of applications refused	11	
Number of applications withdrawn	6	
Cases pending	-	84
Settlements investigated		90
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children		5

Statistics for the week ending January 6, 1900:

Cases pending	-	
Number of applications	105	105
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse, Tewksbury	44	
Long Island Almshouse	13	
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	6	
Boston Insane Hospital	7	
Westboro' Insane Hospital	11	
Foxboro' Asylum	6	
Epileptic Hospital	1	
	-	88
Number of applications refused	10	
Number of applications withdrawn	7	
Cases pending	-	105
Settlements investigated		118
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children		11

Statistics for the week ending January 13, 1900:

Cases pending	-	
Number of applications	101	101
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse, Tewksbury	42	
Long Island Almshouse	20	
Charlestown Almshouse	1	
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	4	
Boston Insane Hospital	5	
Westboro' Insane Hospital	1	
Foxboro' Asylum	8	
	-	81
Number of applications refused	10	
Number of applications withdrawn	10	
Cases pending	-	101
Settlements investigated		119
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children		7

W. T. SEDGWICK, Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, January 1, 1900.

Statistics for the week ending December 30, 1899:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	104	4
Females	23	1
Totals	127	5
Offences:		
Against the person . .	6	3
Against property . . .	14	3
Against public order and decency	108	1
Totals	* 128	† 7
Discharges:		
Males	79	7
Females	14	-
Totals	93	7
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence,	83	7
Permit of Commis-		
sioner	3	-
Payment of fine	7	-
Totals	93	7
Population:		
December 23, 1899 . .	1,030	501
Committed since De-		
cember 23, 1899 . . .	127	5
Totals	1,157	506
Discharged since De-		
cember 23, 1899 . . .	93	7
December 30, 1899 . .	1,064	499

* One man committed charged with two offences.

† Two men committed charged with two offences each.

Statistics for the week ending January 6, 1900:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	85	13
Females	4	2
Totals	89	15
Offences:		
Against the person . .	2	3
Against property . . .	9	7
Against public order and decency	78	6
Totals	89	* 16
Discharges:		
Males	93	7
Females	26	3
Totals	119	10
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence .	105	9
Permit of Commissioner,	2	-
Payment of fine	10	1
Died	2	-
Totals	119	10
Population:		
December 30, 1899 . .	1,064	499
Committed since Decem-		
ber 30, 1899	89	15
Totals	1,153	514
Discharged since Decem-		
ber 30, 1899	119	10
January 8, 1900	1,034	504

* One man committed charged with two offences.

The following appointments have been made:

Walter W. Ingraham, to the position of officer at the House of Correction, Deer Island, to date from January 1, 1900, to fill the vacancy caused by the discharge of James McKenna.

E. Frank Baxter, to the position of receiving officer at the House of Correction, South Boston, to date from January 5, 1900, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Frank A. Brooks.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Board Meetings.**Hospital Department.**

Boston, December 27, 1899.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held at the Hospital on December 27, 1899, at 4.30 P.M. There were present Messrs. Shuman, Keany and Rueter.

It was voted that there be paid to the Paine Furniture Company the sum of \$3,881.55, in settlement of bills for furniture for the Ann White Vose building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose building, furnishings, Hospital Department.

Communications were received from the Superintendent, as follows:

(1.) Nominating for positions of executive assistants, Dr. William Eugene Currier and Dr. Frederic Russell Cummings. It was voted that Dr. William Eugene Currier be appointed first executive assistant, and Dr. Frederic Russell Cummings, second executive assistant, to fill the two vacancies in the positions caused by the resignations of Drs. Blakely and Stetson.

(2.) Respecting work on the old laundry building and alterations to kitchen. It was voted, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, that the contract for driving three piles, building pier, and furnishing two iron beams for the garbage and cremation house, removing old brick wall and substituting in its place an eight-inch wall, and building an arch over the trench, be awarded to George G. Baker, the contract price being \$355, the same to be charged to the appropriation for Wyman Fund.

It was voted that the contract to make a grease trap and run an Akron drain to the sewer on Concord street, in connection with the alterations on the kitchen, be awarded to George G. Baker, at the contract price of \$659, the same to be charged to the Wyman Building Fund.

(3.) Asking for instructions in regard to the eight-hour law. It was voted that the eight-hour law be adopted and carried into effect in the Hospital, as far as it affects the work of laborers, workmen and mechanics.

Circulars Nos. 69 and 70 from Mayor Quincy and communication from the Acting Mayor were presented and placed on file.

The Medical Committee reported that they approved of the promotion of the following-

named house officers, as recommended by the senior staff:

Oscar E. Fischer, to house surgeon, first surgical service; William H. Rose, to house surgeon, second surgical service; William T. Bailey, to house surgeon, third surgical service; Walter A. Lane, to house physician, first medical service; William R. P. Emerson, to house physician, second medical service; Robert Hazen, to house physician, third medical service; Foster H. Cary, to house physician, gynecological service; Frank T. Fulton, to house officer, pathological service; Leo V. Friedman, to interne, gynecological service; Le Roi G. Candon, to senior interne, first surgical service; Lewis H. Jack, to senior interne, second surgical service; John G. W. Knowlton, to senior interne, third surgical service; Charles B. Wormelle, to senior interne, first medical service; Joseph H. Saunders, to senior interne, second medical service; Frank H. Holt, to senior interne, third medical service; Walter C. Howe, to junior interne, first surgical service; Harry H. Germain, to junior interne, second surgical service; Henry J. Hoyer, to junior interne, third surgical service; Walter A. Griffin, to junior interne, first medical service; Hartly W. Thayer, to junior interne, second medical service; Howard H. Smith, to junior interne, third surgical service; Frederick W. Murdock, to house surgeon, ophthalmic and aural service.

It was voted that said report be accepted, and the promotions as recommended be confirmed.

It was voted that the Superintendent of the Boston City Hospital be authorized to endorse for deposit, collection or otherwise, all checks, notes and drafts payable to the Boston City Hospital, or any of its departments or its officers or agents, and to receive and give receipts for all moneys due and payable to said Hospital, its departments, officers or agents, provided that all checks, notes or drafts above the amount of \$500 shall be countersigned by one of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, January 19, 1900.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, Dwight and Lincoln.

Received: Communication from the Art Commission, dated January 15, 1900; the Librarian's report.

The President was authorized to sign a lease with the South Boston Savings Bank for the premises occupied by the South Boston Branch Library, for a term of five years, from January 1, 1900.

Voted, That the gift of Mr. George B. Knapp of a collection of medals belonging to his brother, the late Arthur Mason Knapp, be accepted with thanks.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$229.17; to trust funds, \$322.92; Fellowes Athenæum, \$10.27; Station "P," \$1.25; miscellaneous articles, \$1,883.70.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Overseeing of the Poor Department.

A meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held January 3, 1900.

Present: Mr. Sproules (Chairman pro tempore) Miss Rogers, Miss O'Brien, Mr. Pierce, Dr. Plummer, Mr. Kerrigan, Dr. Stuart, Mr. Mullen and Mrs. Quinn.

Voted, To draw on the City Treasury for \$3,000.

Voted, To approve the monthly bills and pay-roll, the same having been read in full.

Voted, To approve the bills of the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers for the month ending December 10, 1899.

Circular No. 1 from the Mayor asking information as to need of funds to carry the Department through the current fiscal year was read, and the Chairman was authorized to reply that the appropriation would not all be needed.

A communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings, giving notice of a new contract for coal, was read and placed on file.

The Committee on Finance reported, by Mr. Pierce, Chairman, that the balances in the Globe National Bank are: City appropriations, \$3,472.64; Woodyard funds, \$2,058.08.

The Committee also reported having opened new accounts at the Shawmut Bank.

Voted, To approve the action of the Committee.

The Committee reported having examined the accounts for the month of December and found them correct.

Mr. Sproules, for the Committee on Supplies, reported considerable saving made as a result of recent purchases of supplies.

The monthly report of the Temporary Home was read by Miss Rogers, who gave an account of several unusual and very interesting cases recently in the Home. The report was accepted and placed on file.

The monthly report of the Lodge for Wayfarers and the Woodyard was read by Mr. Kerrigan, who also spoke of the Christmas dinner given twenty-one workers there. The report was accepted and placed on file.

The Committee on Burials reported, by Dr. Stuart, that two bodies have been delivered for dissection since the last monthly meeting, in accordance with Chapter 479, Acts of 1898.

The Secretary reported that Miss Murtagh requires medical treatment, and her physician asks that she be given leave of absence.

On motion of Mr. Kerrigan, it was

Voted, That Miss Murtagh have two weeks' leave of absence without loss of pay.

The Committee on West Roxbury Agent reported a recommendation that a requisition be made on the Civil Service Commission for an Agent for the West Roxbury District, who shall be a resident of Ward 22 or 23, his salary to be \$500 a year.

Voted, That a requisition be made as recommended by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Pierce, it was

Voted, That when names are received from the Commission they be referred to the Special Committee, which shall report on them to the Board.

A special meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held January 25, 1900.

Present: Mr. Fowler (Chairman), Mr. Mullen, Mr. Kerrigan, Mrs. Wolcott, Mr. Sproules, Mr. Pierce, Dr. Plummer, Miss O'Brien and Dr. Stuart.

Voted, To draw on the City Treasury for \$3,000.

The Chairman read a communication received by him from the Department of Municipal Statistics, asking information about the institutions in charge of this Board, and stated that a reply had been sent.

Voted, That the communication be placed on file.

A certified copy of a vote of the Massachusetts Association of Relief Officers returning thanks to this Board for use of room and for other courtesies was read and placed on file.

A communication from the United States Commission to the Paris Exposition of 1900, asking facts, photographs, etc., as an exhibit of the Boston Charity building was read, and it was voted to furnish such an exhibit.

A communication from a "Committee on the modification of the Federal legacy tax" was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Professor Sedgwick and Mr. Koren, of the Institutions Registration Department, were present to explain the objects of their Department and to ask the co-operation of this Board in their work, the object being to so arrange the information obtained by each of the five departments of the city charities so that persons aided in either can be traced through others that may also have knowledge of them.

On motion of Mr. Sproules, it was voted that a special committee be appointed by the Chairman to look into the matter and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Sproules, Mrs. Wolcott and Dr. Stuart were appointed and by vote the Chairman and Miss Rogers were added.

By request of the Committee on the Temporary Home, an appropriation of \$200 was made for repairs.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, January 8, 1900.

A special meeting of the Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square, on Monday, January 8, 1900, at 12 M., called on the request of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, and also of the Committee on Medical Department and Dietary, to consider the matter of a contract and of the appointment of an additional medical officer at Long Island.

WALTER HUNNEWELL,

Secretary pro tempore.

Street Laying-Out Department.

Following is an abstract of the records of recent meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

The Board of Street Commissioners met and organized Monday, January 1, 1900, with John P. Dore as Chairman, and J. H. Jenkins as Secretary.

Tuesday, January 2.

An award of \$2,500 was made to Elizabeth Morton for damages occasioned her estate by the laying out of Orkney road, and on advice of the Law Department, Francis X. Julian was awarded \$1,300 for damages occasioned by the laying out of Burt street.

Catch-basins were ordered to be built in River, Vine and Moulton streets, and in Downer court, and a sewer was ordered to be built in Corbet street, and an overflow sewer in Congress street.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to relocate Walk Hill street.

A petition was received for the laying out of Chelsea avenue.

Thursday, January 4.

A taking was made for the relocation of Faneuil Valley brook.

Friday, January 5.

Clara E. Badlam was awarded \$26.75 for damages occasioned her estate by the laying out of Columbia road.

Monday, January 8.

Petitions were received for the laying out of public alley 806, and of Avon street.

An order was passed levying the assessment for the cost of laying out Lauriat avenue.

Tuesday, January 9.

An award of \$8,000 was made to Mary Solari for damages occasioned her estates by the laying-out of Bennington street.

Wednesday, January 10.

It was voted to pay Arioch Wentworth \$52,000 and \$13,000 for damages occasioned his estates by the relocation of Charlestown street.

Friday, January 12.

Orders were passed levying the assessments for the cost of laying out and constructing Gaylord, Chamblet and Stuart streets.

An order of notice was passed of the Board's intention to lay out Haverford street.

On advice of the Law Department, it was voted to award Samuel Shuman \$11,500 for damages occasioned his estate by the extension of Columbus avenue.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

BOSTON HARBOR.

The recent annual report of the State Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners is of much interest, particularly that portion of it relating to Boston Harbor, in which previous statements as to the urgent need of wider and deeper channels from the Navy Yard to the sea are reiterated. Congress has already authorized the completion of a channel 1,200 feet wide and 30 feet deep through Broad Sound at a cost not to exceed \$450,000, but the lowest bid for the contract, so far received, is in excess of the sum appropriated for the work.

It is now recommended that 35 feet be the minimum depth of main harbor channels and the report states that "if early action cannot be had by Congress on this matter of vital

importance to the growing commerce of this port, then it naturally becomes a question of moment to be considered by the Legislature."

It is also recommended that structures be built on the southerly side of Bird Island flats in order to provide additional anchorage ground for vessels awaiting a permanent berth at the wharves.

DEATH OF HON. OLIVER H. DURRELL.

The death of Hon. Oliver H. Durrell, of the firm of Brown, Durrell & Co. of Boston, and member of the Governor's Council from the Third District, occurred at his home in Cambridge, Wednesday evening, January 31, 1900.

Mr. Durrell was born at East Cambridge about fifty years ago. He was one of Boston's foremost business men, the firm of which he was a member having been established in 1872, and enjoying the highest reputation in the business world.

In religious and charitable affairs, Mr. Durrell was especially prominent. He had but recently resigned as President of the Cambridge Y. M. C. A., with which he had been connected for many years. It was mainly through his efforts that the new building of the Association was erected two years ago at a cost of \$150,000.

At the State election of 1899 Mr. Durrell was elected a member of the Governor's Council from the Third District.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending January 27, 1900, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	19.5
Death rate for corresponding week, 1899	24.7
Number of deaths:	
Males	98
Females	110
Total	208
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1899	257
Decrease	49

Of the 208 decedents, 204 were white and 4 colored; 127 were born in the United States, 79 in foreign countries and the birthplace of 2 was unknown; 47 were of American parentage, 142 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 19 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	105	12
Scarlatina	49	4
Typhoid fever	7	3
Measles	67	1
Totals	228	20

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	33
Pneumonia	28
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	12
Bronchitis	9
Marasmus	5
Violent causes	4
Total from principal causes	92
Total from infectious diseases	20
Total from other causes	96
Total from all causes	208
Deaths of children under 1 year	37
Deaths of children under 5 years	48
Deaths of persons over 60 years	42
Deaths in public institutions	48

According to figures of the United States Treasury Bureau of Statistics the increase in exports of corn from Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, New Orleans and Galveston have been relatively larger during recent years than from New York or Boston. In wheat exportations Boston has made greater gains than any other Atlantic port.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

The Board of Street Commissioners will give a public hearing at their office in City Hall on Thursday, February 1, 1900, at 11 o'clock, forenoon, to all persons interested in a petition before the Board for changing the name of Charlestown street.

By order of the Board of Street Commissioners,
JOHN P. DORE, Chairman.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

January 26, 1900.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the private way at West Roxbury, known as St. Rose place, be laid out from South street to St. Rose street, as a highway with the name of Gormley street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the ninth day of February, 1900, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

CITY OF BOSTON.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The Water Commissioner of the City of Boston will receive proposals at his office, City Hall, Boston, Mass., for furnishing from March 16 to September 1, 1900, about 700,000 pounds of small iron castings, and for furnishing a bond in the sum of \$3,000 for faithfully doing the work. The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, fill out and sign the proposal and leave it at said office before 12 o'clock noon, of Thursday, February 8, 1900, with a certified check for \$300 which is to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposals. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will do the work required in the City of Boston may be accepted in preference to a lower bidder who will do said work elsewhere, and that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

AUGUSTUS P. MARTIN, Water Commissioner.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

January 29, 1900.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that Guernsey street be laid out as a highway, at West Roxbury, from South street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board,—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the thirteenth day of February, 1900, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

December 27, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building Nos. 152 and 154 Federal street, Ward 7, two bay-windows of the following description: To project from second story, over Federal street. Dimensions: Fifteen feet high at 152, eighteen and one-half feet wide at 154, seventeen and one-half feet wide, and two feet over line of street.

THEODORE HARRINGTON.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

January 26, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twelfth day of February, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk pro tem.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk pro tem.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

December 10, 1899.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building Nos. 484 and 486 Washington street, Ward 7, cornice of the following description: To project from top of fifth story, over sidewalk of Washington street. Dimensions: Four feet, four inches high, width of building, or thirty-nine feet wide, and four feet over line of street.

RICHARD SCHWARZ.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

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Room 71, City Hall,

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

The following circular to departments has been issued by the Mayor:

Circular 2.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, 3 February, 1900.

TO THE DEPARTMENTS:

Attention is called to Chapter 3, Section 24, of the Revised Ordinances:

Every officer in charge of a department shall within thirty days after the close of the financial year transmit to the Mayor a report containing a statement of the acts and doings, and receipts and expenditures, of the department for such financial year, together with such other matters as may be required by law, or as the Mayor or officer may deem to be of public interest.

This ordinance must be complied with. An exact inventory (Rev. Ord. Chap. 3, Sect. 11) should be included in every annual report.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

At its meeting held Monday, February 5, 1900, the Board of Aldermen voted to confirm the following-mentioned appointments made by Mayor Hart:

(1.) Edward P. Murphy, to be a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery for the term ending April 30, 1900.

(2.) Walter J. Ripley, to be a Weigher of Coal and a Weigher of Boilers and Heavy Machinery for the term ending April 30, 1900.

(3.) Joseph Flores, to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1900.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

The following bills and resolves concerning the City of Boston have been introduced in the Massachusetts Legislature, and have been referred to appropriate committees:

In the Senate.

Senate Bill No. 36 accompanies the petition of Edgar I. Aldrich and others, for legislation authorizing the City of Boston to borrow money beyond the debt limit, for the purpose of providing additional school accommodations in said city; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Incur Indebtedness Beyond its Debt Limit for the Purpose of Building and Furnishing Additional School-houses and Taking Land Therefor.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Treasurer of the City of Boston, to pay the expenses of building and furnishing of additional school-houses in said city, and of taking land therefor, shall from time to time, on the request of the School Committee of said city, issue and sell negotiable bonds of said city, to an amount not exceeding \$1,000,000 in the year 1900, and \$500,000 in each of the four following years, which shall all be outside of the debt limit, and in addition to the bonds heretofore authorized to be issued for similar purposes. The proceeds of said bonds shall be expended in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 408 of the Acts of the year 1895.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Senate Bill No. 50 was introduced on leave by Senator Ross, of Suffolk; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Fire Department of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 256 of the Acts of the year 1896, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "members," in the first line of said section, the words—and call substitutes who have received the pay of call members—so that said section shall read as follows:

Section 1. All call members and call substitutes who have received the pay of call members in the Boston Fire Department, who have served three or more successive years in said service, shall upon application to the Civil Service Commissioners be placed upon the eligible list for appointment as permanent men, without any further examination.

The Fire Commissioner may at his discretion appoint such men on the permanent force at the same salary as the permanent man who has served three or more years in said service.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Senate Bill No. 57 accompanies the petition of the East Boston Dry Dock Company for authority to extend its marine railway beyond the harbor line at East Boston; referred to the Committee on Harbors and Public Lands. It is entitled:

An Act to Authorize the East Boston Dry Dock Company to Extend its Marine Railway Beyond the Harbor Line at East Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The East Boston Dry Dock Company is hereby authorized to extend, maintain and operate its marine railway for a distance not exceeding seventy-five feet beyond the harbor line at East Boston, subject to the provisions of Chapter 19 of the Public Statutes.

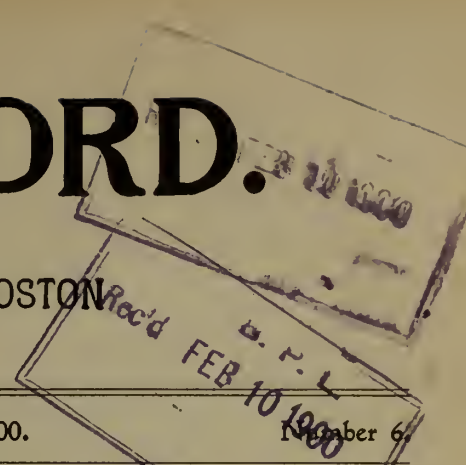
Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Senate Bill No. 63 accompanies the petition of J. C. Bennett and others, that the State Highway Commission may be authorized and instructed to construct a certain portion of the State highway known as the North Shore road; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Provide for the Construction of a Portion of the State Highway between the City of Boston and the City of Lynn, known as the North Shore Road.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Massachusetts Highway Commission is hereby authorized and



instructed to construct in the year 1900 so much of the State highway as is laid out between the bridge authorized by Chapter 547 of the Acts of the year 1898 over Saugus river, between the City of Lynn and the Town of Revere and Commercial street in said Lynn, as per plans made by said State Highway Commission, on file in the City Clerk's office of said City of Lynn, dated April 27, 1899, and August 24, 1899.

Sect. 2. The Massachusetts Highway Commission is hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$100,000 for the construction of said portion of said State highway in accordance with the provisions of existing laws relative to the construction of State highways.

Sect. 3. For the purpose of meeting expenses that may be incurred under Section 2 of this act, the Treasurer and Receiver-general is authorized to proceed in the manner prescribed in and subject to the provisions of Chapter 396 of the Acts of the year 1899.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Senate Bill No. 71 accompanies the petition of Maurice J. O'Connell, that the salary of the Clerk of the Municipal Court of the Roxbury district of the City of Boston may be increased; referred to the Committee on Public Service. It is entitled:

An Act to Establish the Salary of the Clerk of the Municipal Court of the Roxbury District of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The salary of the Clerk of the Municipal Court of the Roxbury district of the City of Boston shall be _____ dollars a year, to be so allowed from the first day of January in the year 1900.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Senate Bill No. 72 accompanies the petition of Fred E. Cruff, that the salary of the Assistant Clerk of the Municipal Court of the Roxbury district of the City of Boston may be increased; referred to the Committee on Public Service. It is entitled:

An Act to Establish the Salary of the Assistant Clerk of the Municipal Court of the Roxbury District of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The salary of the Assistant Clerk of the Municipal Court of the Roxbury district of the City of Boston shall be _____ dollars a year, to be so allowed from the first day of January in the year 1900.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Senate Bill No. 73 accompanies the petition of George A. Blaney for an amendment of the law relative to certain grade crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston; referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled:

An Act relative to Certain Grade Crossings in the Cities of Cambridge and Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 3 of Chapter 421 of the Acts of 1899 is hereby amended by inserting in the seventh line thereof after the word "specified" the following—a petition for the assessment of damages by reason of

said taking may be brought within one year from the time when said plans and descriptions are filed for record in the proper registries of deeds—so that said act as amended shall read as follows:

Section 3. The parties named in said report shall carry out the directions contained therein as hereby amended, and said commissioners shall cause plans and descriptions of any lands or other property to be taken to be filed in the Registry of Deeds for the county and district in which the same are situated, and on such filing the lands or other property shall be taken for the purposes specified. A petition for the assessment of damages by reason of said taking may be brought within one year from the time when said plans and descriptions are filed for record in the proper registries of deeds. All provisions of Chapter 428 of the Acts of the year 1890, and all acts in addition thereto and amendment thereof, unless inconsistent with this act, shall, together with the provisions of Chapter 19 of the Public Statutes, apply to and govern the proceedings in connection with the abolition of said crossings, as if the decisions of said commission had been confirmed by said court.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Senate Bill No. 76 accompanies the petition of John H. Colby for legislation to provide for the laying out and construction of Carleton street, in the City of Boston, taken from the files of last year; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Provide for the Laying Out and Construction of Carleton street in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, with the approval of the Mayor, may lay out and order the construction of a street for so much of the distance between Yarmouth street and Massachusetts avenue as said Board shall deem the public necessity and convenience require, and the Superintendent of Streets of said city, or such officer as the Mayor shall designate therefor, shall forthwith construct said street, and the connections and intersections of other streets with the same, in accordance with the widths and lines as so laid out and on such grades and with such covering, sidewalks, edgestones and other particulars of construction as he shall deem proper.

Sect. 2. Said Board shall, after said street shall have been constructed, determine the cost incurred in such laying out and construction, including the expenses of taking land and all other doings therefor, and shall assess a proportional share of said cost upon the real estate, whether a part thereof is taken for said street or whether situated on said street or otherwise, which said Board shall adjudge receives any benefit and advantage from such laying out and construction beyond the general advantage to all real estate in said city to the extent of the total amount of such adjudged benefit and advantage, and the portion of said expense not so paid shall be borne by the City of Boston.

Sect. 3. Except as otherwise specified herein, Sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Chapter

51, Public Statutes, shall apply to said laying out and construction, and to such assessments; but in determining the damages sustained by the taking of any part of an estate, no allowance shall be made by way of set off for benefit done to the remainder of such estate.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Senate Bill No. 85 accompanies the petition of William H. Lott for legislation relative to the appointment of the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston and for enlarging their powers; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Street Commissioners of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Street Commissioners of the City of Boston shall continue to constitute a board to be known as the Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, and they shall hereafter be selected from the two leading political parties and be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Governor of the Commonwealth, as follows: One for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, one for the term of three years, and thereafter, as said terms expire, one Commissioner shall be appointed for the term of three years; each term aforesaid shall begin with the first day of May of the current year, and the term of each Commissioner appointed thereafter shall begin with the first day of May of the year in which the term of the Commissioner whom he succeeds expires. Every Commissioner shall hold office after the expiration of his term until his successor is appointed and approved, but may be removed at any time by the Mayor with the approval of the Governor; each Commissioner shall be paid a salary, the Chairman at the rate of \$7,500 per annum, and each of the other Commissioners at the rate of \$6,000 per annum, to be paid from the treasury of said city.

Sect. 2. Said Board shall have charge of the department of said city known as the Street Laying-out Department, and all acts and ordinances relating to departments of said city and the officers and employees thereof shall, so far as applicable and not inconsistent with this act, apply to said Department and the officers and employees thereof.

Sect. 3. Said Street Commissioners, in addition to the powers which they now exercise, shall have all the powers relating to and be subject to all the duties of the City Council, Board of Aldermen or Common Council of said city relating to the care of streets and sewers, the placing of posts, wires, pipes, lamps, signs and other structures in, over, under or projecting into streets; the charge, maintenance and care of ferries, bridges and public buildings. Said Board shall appoint a City Engineer, a Superintendent of Streets and other employees, define their duties and fix their compensation.

Senate Bill No. 87 accompanies the petition of William H. Lott, for legislation to provide for the selection of presiding officers and clerks of the two branches of the city government of the City of Boston, and to provide for the appointment of the City

Clerk of said city by the Mayor; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Presiding Officers and Clerks of the Common Council and of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston and to the City Clerk of said City.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Each branch of the City Council of the City of Boston, after the organization of the City Government, shall by vote of a majority of all the members thereof choose a presiding officer to serve during the year ensuing unless otherwise determined by such votes; until a presiding officer is so chosen the member who has previously served the greatest number of terms in such branch, or in case no member has so served, the clerk of that branch shall preside and business may be transacted as if a presiding officer chosen as aforesaid presided; and if a presiding officer shall not be so chosen before the fifteenth day of January the Mayor shall on said fifteenth day designate the member who shall serve as presiding officer for the year and appoint all committees of that branch and all joint committees without any confirmation or approval being required.

Sect. 2. Each branch of the City Council shall by vote of a majority of all the members thereof choose a clerk, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of the duties of his office, and shall serve until his successor is elected by a similar vote and sworn.

Sect. 3. The City Clerk shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the approval of the Board of Aldermen; shall have charge of the City Clerk Department and all laws relating to departments of said city, and the officers and employees thereof shall, so far as applicable and not inconsistent with this act, apply to the City Clerk and the department in his charge.

Sect. 4. If the City Clerk and Assistant City Clerk are for any cause unable to act, the Mayor shall appoint a City Clerk pro tempore, to serve until the City Clerk or Assistant City Clerk shall perform the duties of City Clerk.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Senate Bill No. 89 accompanies the petition of Charles H. Innes for legislation to provide for primary elections in the City of Boston; referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

An Act to Provide for Primary Elections in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. There shall be asked of each citizen applying for registration as a voter in the City of Boston hereafter the following question: "In the caucus of which political party do you desire to vote?"

The answer to said question shall be recorded.

The City Committee of each political party, on or before the fifteenth day of August in the year 1900, shall forward to the registrars of voters a list of those who desire to participate in their respective party primary elections. If both parties shall send to the Election Commissioners the name of the same voter, no designation shall be placed against the name of said person, except as hereinafter provided. Any person against whose name no designation appears, may at any time within ten days before any primary

election be registered as a voter in the political party of his choice.

It shall be the duty of the Election Commissioners to furnish to the election officers at the primary elections, hereinafter provided for, voting lists which shall contain upon them appropriate designations to indicate in which party primary the voter desires to participate. Only such persons so registered shall be allowed to vote at said election, and no one shall be allowed to vote in any political party other than that in which he is registered.

Sect. 2. No person shall participate in the selection of the candidates of more than one political party during the same calendar year. Any voter may, on or before the first of September in any year, appear before the registrars and request that the designation against his name be changed, and such change shall thereupon be made, and shall appear upon the voting list used at said primary elections.

Sect. 3. The sixth Tuesday prior to every State election is hereby declared to be a primary election day. The fourth Tuesday prior to the city election in the City of Boston is hereby declared to be a primary election day. All candidates now nominated and all delegates now elected by any political party at the caucuses now provided for by law shall be elected at the primary elections herein provided for.

Sect. 4. Said Election Commissioners shall prepare ballots to be used at said election in accordance with Section 117 of Chapter 548 of the Acts of the year 1898, except that the official ballot of each political party shall be printed upon a different colored paper. The number of said ballots shall be determined as now provided for by law. Voting shall proceed in the several voting precincts of each ward in accordance with the methods observed at elections, except that the voter shall receive only the official ballot of the political party in which he is registered as acting.

Sect. 5. The ballots cast at said elections, and the returns for candidates voted for thereat shall be returned to the Board of Election Commissioners of said city as ballots and returns of elections in said city are returned, and said Board shall have the same power and perform the same duties in determining the results of elections in the several precincts of said city; said Board shall place on the official ballot the names of all candidates nominated at said primary elections, and shall send to each duly elected delegate certificates of his election which are now provided shall be sent to said delegates by the clerk of any caucus.

Sect. 6. In case of a failure to nominate in any district by reason of a tie vote, or of the death or ineligibility of any candidate only as aforesaid the chairman and secretary of the City Committee of such political party shall forthwith call together in convention all the members of the ward committees in the wards comprising said district. Said chairman and secretary shall act as chairman and secretary respectively of the convention but shall have no right to vote by virtue of their offices. The secretary shall call the roll of the convention and each member shall rise and announce for whom he votes. The candidate receiving the majority of all the votes so cast shall be declared the nominee of the party for that district, and the chairman and secretary of the convention

shall forthwith certify the fact to the Board of Election Commissioners, who shall place his name upon the official ballots.

Sect. 7. The election officers appointed by the Election Commissioners to serve at elections shall act at said primary elections, and shall receive the same compensation which they receive for acting at an election.

Sect. 8. The polls at said primary elections shall be opened at 12 o'clock noon, and shall close at 8 o'clock post meridian.

Sect. 9. All provisions of law relating to political conventions, nominations, caucuses and elections, the filing of nomination papers, to the preparation of ballots and to the votes cast at elections and caucuses, applicable to and not inconsistent with the provisions of those shall apply to the primary elections herewith provided for.

Sect. 10. Sections 127 and 128 of Chapter 548 of the Acts of the year 1898, and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Senate Bill No. 110 accompanies the petition of Charles T. Witt that, in the event of the Commonwealth consenting to the lease of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, one of the conditions of such lease shall be the abolition of certain grade crossings in East Boston; referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Lease of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The consent of the Commonwealth to the lease of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company is on the express condition that said New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company shall forthwith remove the tracks of said Boston and Albany Railroad Company in East Boston, between Marginal and Curtis streets, and extend them from Curtis street substantially to or near the westerly line of Wood Island park, and thence, keeping westerly or westerly and southerly of said park, on either the easterly or westerly side of the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad, to its tracks on Marginal street, without crossing any other railroad tracks or any highway at grade, and laying its tracks and building the highways over the same in such places and directions and at such grades as the present commissioners on the East Boston grade crossings appointed by the Superior Court of Suffolk County, or such successors thereof as shall be appointed by the court to fill any vacancy, may, after notice and hearing, prescribe.

Sect. 2. All general acts relating to the abolishing of grade crossings of railroads and highways shall, so far as applicable and not inconsistent with this act, apply to the carrying out of this act and the proceedings and report of said commissioners, and the carrying out of the prescriptions and findings in said report.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Senate Bill No. 115 accompanies the petition of David Greer for legislation to

establish a public market and public forum in the City of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled: An Act to Establish a Public Market and Public Forum in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor of the City of Boston, for the purpose of establishing a public market and public forum to meet the wants of said city, is hereby authorized to purchase such land in the territory now bounded by Church street, Columbus avenue and Berkeley street in said city, as he may deem necessary for such purpose.

Sect. 2. To meet the expenses incurred under this act the City Treasurer of said city shall from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, issue to the total amount of \$5,000,000, notes, bonds or scrip of said city, payable at such time, not exceeding thirty years from their date, and bearing interest at such rates, not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum, such interest being payable at such times as shall be fixed by said Treasurer; and such notes, bonds or scrip shall not be reckoned in estimating the legal debt limit of said city.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the City Council of Boston.

In the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 411 accompanies the petition of Charles S. Sullivan; referred to the Committee on Street Railways. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Fares charged by any Street Railway operating in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The fares charged by any street railway company operating in the City of Boston shall not, on week days, exceed three cents for each passenger between the hours of 5 and 8 ante meridian, and 5 and 8 post meridian, and between 11 ante meridian and 2 post meridian.

The fares for children on week days shall not exceed three cents for each child of school age who is a member of some school; and for the use of such children, ten tickets, or a ten-ride ticket, shall be sold for twenty-five cents.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Resolutions No. 417 were presented by Mr. Minton of Boston; referred to the Committee on Federal Relations. They are entitled:

Resolutions relative to an Appropriation by the Congress of the United States for the Improvement of Boston Harbor.

Whereas, Large sums of money have been expended by the Commonwealth in the development of a system of docks in Boston harbor; and

Whereas, To obtain the full benefit of the said system it is necessary that the channel of Boston harbor shall be widened and deepened; and

Whereas, This improvement would be of advantage not only to Boston and Massachusetts but also to all New England; be it

Resolved, That the Congress of the United States is hereby requested to appropriate a sum sufficient for this purpose; and that the Senators and Representatives in

Congress from this State are requested to use all reasonable endeavors toward this end.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Senate and to the House of Representatives of the United States, and to the Senators and Representatives from Massachusetts.

House Bill No. 420 was introduced on leave by Mr. Minton of Boston; referred to the Committee on Manufactures. It is entitled:

An Act to Regulate the Price of Gas in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. No gas for illuminating or heating purposes shall hereafter be sold in the City of Boston at a price exceeding 50 cents per 1,000 cubic feet of gas.

Sect. 2. The Supreme Judicial Court and the Superior Court shall have jurisdiction in equity to enforce the provisions of this act by bill brought by the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners, or by the Attorney-general, or by the Mayor of the City of Boston, or by any consumer of gas in said city.

Sect. 3. Any person, firm, corporation or association selling gas in violation of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000 for each offence.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 434 accompanies the petition of Alden G. Alley; referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

An Act to Further Define the Duties of Boards of Registrars of Voters in all Cities of the Commonwealth.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. In every city in the Commonwealth, except the City of Boston, there shall be a board of four Election Commissioners. Said Commissioners shall be citizens and voters of the city in which they are to serve. They shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen. Such Election Commissioners shall take the place of the present election boards known as registrars of voters.

Sect. 2. Said Election Commissioners shall be so selected that each of the two leading political parties shall have equal representation thereon, and one member shall annually be appointed for a term of four years, beginning with the first day of May in the year of his appointment.

Sect. 3. In cities where the City Clerk is now a member of the board of registrars of voters, the Mayor shall in the year 1900 appoint one Election Commissioner for the term of four years, and one Commissioner for the term of three years, and each year thereafter one Commissioner for the term of four years, in the manner and subject to the conditions provided in Section 2 of this act.

Sect. 4. Said Election Commissioners shall elect their own chairman and clerk and such other assistants as they may require.

Sect. 5. The salaries of the Commissioners and their employees shall be fixed by the Board of Aldermen, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Sect. 6. Said Election Commissioners shall annually, in the month of September,

or as soon thereafter as possible, appoint as election officers for each voting precinct one warden, one deputy warden, one clerk, one deputy clerk, four inspectors and four deputy inspectors, who shall be qualified voters in the ward of which such precinct forms a part. They may in like manner appoint two inspectors and two deputy inspectors in addition.

Sect. 7. Such election officers shall be appointed so as equally to represent the two leading political parties, except that without disturbing the equal representation of such parties not more than two such election officers not representing either of them may be appointed. The warden shall be of a different political party from the clerk, and not more than one-half of the inspectors shall be of the same political party. In each case the principal officer and his deputy shall be of the same political party. Every election officer shall hold office for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of November succeeding his appointment, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, or until his removal. An election officer may be removed by the Board of Election Commissioners after a hearing upon written charges of incompetence or of official misconduct preferred by not less than six qualified voters of the ward in which the officer is appointed to act.

Sect. 8. No person shall be appointed as an Election Commissioner who holds an office by election or appointment, the salary of which is payable from the city treasury.

Sect. 9. Registrars of voters serving at the time this act is adopted shall be allowed to serve out the term for which they were appointed, except in the case of city clerks.

Sect. 10. Said Election Commissioners shall perform such other duties and exercise such other rights and privileges as have hitherto been vested in the registrars of voters.

Sect. 11. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sect. 12. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 435 accompanies the petition of Eben Moody Boynton; referred to the Committee on Street Railways. It is entitled:

An Act to Extend the Time for Building the Boston, Quincy and Fall River Bicycle Railway.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 16 of Chapter 527 of the Acts of the year 1897, as amended by Chapter 141 of the Acts of the year 1899, is hereby further amended by striking out all of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 16. All rights and privileges granted under this act for the purpose of building a railway between Boston and Fall River shall be forfeited, except as to any portion of said railway built if twenty miles of said railway are not built before the thirty-first day of December in the year 1901. If twenty miles of said railway shall have been built before said thirty-first day of December, then all rights and privileges under this act shall extend until the thirty-first day of December in the year 1902 as to the remainder of the route between Boston and Fall River.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 441 accompanies the petition of Jonathan B. L. Bartlett; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Require the Metropolitan Park Commission to Rebuild the Bridge over the Neponset River between Blue Hills Parkway in the Town of Milton and Mattapan Square in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Park Commission, created by Chapter 407 of the Acts of 1893, for the purpose of connecting the boulevard known as Blue Hills parkway with Blue Hill avenue, in that part of Boston known as Mattapan, and of acquiring and reconstructing the present Mattapan bridge over the Neponset river and maintaining said new bridge, is hereby further authorized and empowered to the full extent of the Commonwealth's power of eminent domain, and in addition to all other provisions of law it enabling to take and acquire in the name and for the benefit of the Commonwealth by the exercise hereunder of any of the powers authorized by said act and by Chapter 288 of the Acts of 1894 and acts in addition to and amendment of said acts, all the right, title and interest of the public or any corporation or individual in, to or concerning land and rights in land, including so much as it may deem necessary of the bed and waters of the Neponset river and of the location of the railroad company near by, known as the Old Colony Railroad Company, leased to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, or however else it may be designated, and the present bridge and rights therein between said Blue Hills parkway, within the Town of Milton, and said Blue Hill avenue in said City of Boston; provided, however, that said Board shall not interfere with the operation of said railroad company during a period of six months from the time of taking or acquiring any portion thereof.

Sect. 2. Said Board may remove the present bridges and structures over said river or any branch thereof between the portion of said parkway already constructed and said avenue, and may build, erect and maintain in place thereof as a part of said parkway such suitable bridges or other structures as it may deem best for all the purposes for which said parkway and said avenue and said bridges may now or hereafter be legally used, and may keep the same in repair and establish such reasonable rules and regulations for the use thereof as it may from time to time deem necessary.

Sect. 3. If any portion of the present location and property of any railroad company is taken hereunder, said railroad company, for the purpose of carrying out and facilitating the purposes of this act and all acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, is hereby authorized and empowered in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 112 of the Public Statutes and of all general laws then in force relating to the fixing of the route of railroads, to the laying out of the same, and the taking of lands and payment of damages therefor, to take and acquire a new location and necessary land and rights in land within said City of Boston and not a part of the lands taken or acquired by said Commission or by said city as an open

space, boulevard or public street, and also to construct, maintain and operate a new line of railroad in place of the portion of its location and railroad taken or acquired as afore-said.

Sect. 4. The Commonwealth shall compensate said railroad company for all damages sustained and expenses incurred by it by reason of any acts done under authority of this act, the same to be determined by agreement between said company and said Board, and in case of disagreement, then to be determined by a commission of three disinterested persons to be appointed by the justice of the Supreme Judicial Court or by a jury in the Superior Court for the County of Suffolk, and in either case upon petition of any interested party.

Sect. 5. Said Park Commission shall have the same power to determine the value of and assess upon real estate the amount of betterments accruing to said real estate by reason of any taking by it hereunder which is conferred upon it in regard to takings and under said acts and acts in addition to and amendment of said acts.

Sect. 6. To meet expenses incurred under the authority of this act the Treasurer and Receiver-general shall issue scrip or certificates of indebtedness, or bonds, to the amount of \$75,000, in addition to the Metropolitan Parks Loan, series two. The sinking-fund already established by law shall also be maintained for the purpose of extinguishing scrip, certificates or bonds issued under the authority of this act. Any premium realized on the sale of said scrip or certificates or bonds shall be applied to the payment of the interest on the loan hereby authorized, as it accrues. Said scrip or certificates of indebtedness or bonds shall be issued and said sinking-fund assessed and collected in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter 288 of the Acts of the year 1894 and of Chapter 550 of the Acts of the year 1896, and of Chapter 419 of the Acts of the year 1899.

Sect. 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 448 accompanies the petition of Edward I. Aldrich; referred to the Committee on Education. It is entitled:

An Act in Favor of Anna W. Wason.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The School Committee of the City of Boston is hereby authorized to pay to Anna W. Wason, widow of T. Henry Wason, late sub-master in the Brimmer School in said city, the balance of salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold his office until the thirty-first day of August, in the year 1899.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 449 accompanies the petition of Wilbur H. Powers; referred to the Committee on Counties. It is entitled:

An Act to Provide Rooms in the City of Boston in which to Hold the Probate Court of Norfolk County in certain cases.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The County Commissioners of the County of Norfolk are hereby authorized to provide, furnish and maintain a suitable room or suitable rooms and accommo-

dations in the City of Boston, for the use of the Probate Court of said Norfolk County, for the hearing and trial of such contested cases arising in said court, as the parties thereto or their counsel shall desire to have heard and tried in the City of Boston.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 478 accompanies the petition of Eliza M. Newell; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

An Act to Exempt the Estate No. 13 Compton Street in the City of Boston from the Operation of the Building Laws.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. That the parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in Boston, being the estate numbered 13 Compton street, formerly Chapman street, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Southerly on Compton street thirty and seventy-seven one-hundredths feet, westerly on land now or formerly of Slater by a line running through the middle of a brick partition wall about fifty-three and one one-hundredth feet, northerly by the middle line of a four-foot passageway thirty and ninety-eight one-hundredths feet, and easterly on land of owners unknown and land formerly of Hancock fifty-three and seventy-nine one-hundredths feet, is hereby exempted from the provisions of Chapter 419 of the Acts of the year 1892, and of acts amendatory thereof and additional thereto, and relieved from the operation thereof.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 495 accompanies petition of Nathaniel B. Knox; referred to the Committee on Liquor Law. It is entitled:

An Act to Regulate the Distribution of Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. All licenses for the sale of intoxicating drinks in the City of Boston shall be issued and take effect on the first day of May in each year.

Sect. 2. Before the first day of May of each year the Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Boston shall ascertain from the official count of votes for and against licensing the sale of intoxicating drinks in Boston at the last preceding election, the whole number of votes cast in each ward in favor of said license, providing the majority of all the votes cast are in favor thereof.

Sect. 3. The number of licenses issued in any ward shall be such a part of the whole number of licenses to be issued in the entire city as the number of votes cast in said ward in favor of the licensing of the sale of intoxicating drinks in the City of Boston is to the whole number of votes so cast in said city; provided, a sufficient number of petitions for license have been presented to, and are satisfactory to said Board, and in no ward shall the number of licenses issued exceed the above proportion.

Sect. 4. No license shall be issued for the sale of intoxicating drinks in any ward which does not cast 1,000 or more votes in favor of the licensing of the sale of intoxicating drinks in the City of Boston at the last preceding election.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect on its passage.

House Bill No. 499 accompanies the petition of Daniel V. McIsaac; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Incur Indebtedness Outside of its Debt Limit to Erect a Municipal Building in South Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston, for the purpose of erecting a municipal building in South Boston, to provide suitable quarters for the municipal court, a branch of the Boston Public Library, a ward-room, and such other offices and quarters as may be required for municipal purposes, may incur indebtedness from time to time to an amount not exceeding \$250,000 beyond the limit of indebtedness fixed by law for said city, and for said purpose the City Treasurer of said city is hereby authorized to issue from time to time, as the Mayor of said city may request, bonds or certificates of indebtedness not exceeding said amount, to bear interest, payable semi-annually, at such rates, not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum, as shall be fixed by said city. Said bonds or certificates of indebtedness shall be issued and disposed of in such amounts, in such modes and at such times and prices as the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, shall from time to time determine. The Sinking-fund Commissioners of said city shall, upon the issue of any of the said bonds or certificates of indebtedness, establish a sinking-fund, and determine the amount to be paid thereon each year, so that the fund shall be sufficient with its accumulations to extinguish the debt at maturity, and the Treasurer of said city shall pay to said Commissioners any price received by the city in the negotiation of any such bonds or certificates of indebtedness.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 515 accompanies the petition of Daniel V. McIsaac; referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled:

An Act to Extend the Time for Filing Petitions for the Assessment of Damages Accruing from the Location and Construction of Railroads under the Provisions of the Act to Provide for a Union Station for Passengers on Railroads entering the Southerly Part of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The time within which any party suffering damages whose land is not taken may file his petition in the Superior Court for damages accruing from a change of grade occasioned by the location and construction of any railroad by any railroad company other than the Terminal Company, under the provisions of Chapter 516 of the Acts of the year 1896, provided for in Section 23 of said chapter, is hereby extended to the first day of July, in the year 1900. But interest shall not be reckoned upon damages in such cases before the petition is filed.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 516 accompanies the petition of Edward F. Coolidge; referred to the Committee on Street Railways. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Boston and Suburban Express Company.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 3 of Chapter 324 of the Acts of the year 1895 is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the following: Street railway companies may furnish to said corporation power, trackage and other necessary facilities for transporting mails, parcels and express matter over their lines—so as to read as follows:

Section 3. Said corporation is hereby authorized to carry on the business of transporting merchandise, freight, express matter, and the United States mail, and to contract with individuals, the government of the United States, or any company duly incorporated within this Commonwealth, for the purpose of carrying on said business, as aforesaid; and any such company is hereby authorized to contract with it for said purpose. Street railway companies may furnish to said corporation power, trackage and other necessary facilities for transporting mails, parcels and express matter over their lines.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 528 was introduced on leave by Mr. Russell of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Revise the Charter of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Children's, Pauper, Penal and Institutions Registration Departments are hereby abolished, and in their stead is created a Charities and Corrections Department to be under the charge and control of an officer, who shall be styled Charities and Corrections Commissioner.

Sec. 2. Said Charities and Corrections Department shall include the institutions of the City of Boston and the County of Suffolk that are now under the charge and control of the Children's, Pauper and Penal Institutions Department and said Charities and Corrections Department shall have, exercise and perform all the powers and duties that are now had, exercised and performed by the Children's, Pauper, Penal and Institutions Registration Departments.

Sec. 3. Said Charities and Corrections Department shall embrace three divisions, as follows: Charities Division, which shall be under the charge of an officer, to be styled Assistant Charities Commissioner, who shall have, exercise and perform all the powers and duties relating to the poor and indigent of said city that are now vested in the Boards of Trustees for Children's and Pauper Institutions Departments of said city. Corrections Division, which shall be under the charge of an officer, to be styled Assistant Corrections Commissioner, who shall have, exercise and perform all the powers and duties relating to those lawfully confined, detained or cared for, except such as are lawfully committed to, or detained in, institutions established for the care and custody of the insane, to wit: Such powers and duties as are now had, exercised and performed with regard to subjects for correction by the Children's and Penal Institutions Departments of said city. Registration Division, which shall be under an officer, to be styled Charities and Corrections Registrar,

who shall investigate all questions relating to the settlement of paupers and insane persons or to the agency for discharged prisoners, or to the rights, duties or liabilities connected therewith, and report thereon to the divisions or departments interested therein, and said Registrar shall perform such service relating to the accounts and collection, registration and tabulation of statistics relating to said divisions or departments as may be required of it by the Mayor, or by the officers in charge of divisions or departments interested thereto.

Sec. 4. Said Charities and Corrections Commissioner shall be appointed by the Mayor of said city without confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, for a term of three years, at an annual salary of \$6,000, or such other sum as the City Council may by ordinance prescribe, and said Commissioner shall be a citizen and resident of Boston, and shall not be removed during his term except upon proven charges at a full hearing to be given by the Mayor, and at such hearing said Commissioner shall have the right to be present and to be represented by counsel.

Sec. 5. Said Charities and Corrections Commissioner shall, with the approval of the Mayor, appoint the two assistants and registrar, designated in Section 3 aforesaid, and a secretary, all of whom must be citizens and residents of Boston; but their appointment shall be exempt from the laws relating to Civil Service in the Commonwealth and the cities and towns thereof.

Sec. 6. Said Charities and Corrections Commissioner shall also, with the approval of the Mayor, appoint an agent who, under the direction of the said Commissioner, shall make in open market all purchases of goods, materials and supplies, except such as are not annually contracted for, as are necessary for the proper equipment and maintenance of the Charities and Corrections Department; and such agent shall not be removed except upon proven charges at a full hearing to be given by the Mayor, and at such hearing said agent shall have the right to be present and to be represented by counsel.

Sec. 7. Any officers or employees of the Children's, Pauper, Penal and Institutions Registration Departments, whose tenure of office may be affected by this act or the carrying out thereof, may be appointed to similar positions in said city at any time within six months of the passage of this act without Civil Service examination or enrollment.

Sec. 8. No veteran holding office in any of said departments, or who shall hold office in the Charities and Corrections Department, shall be removed except upon proven charges at a full hearing to be given by the Mayor, and at such hearing the veteran shall have the right to be present and to be represented by counsel.

Sec. 9. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed; and all ordinances and parts of ordinances of said city, so far as they are inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby annulled; and said City Council shall not appoint any officers or pass any ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Sec. 10. This act, so far as it provides for the appointment of officers hereunder,

shall take effect upon its passage, but it shall take full effect on the first day of July, 1900.

House Bill, No. 537 was introduced on leave by Mr. Pearce of Fitchburg; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Authorize the Taking of Downing's Pond and Chandler's Pond by the Metropolitan Park Commission.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners is hereby authorized to take by purchase or otherwise the ponds known as Downing's pond and Chandler's pond and lands under and in the vicinity thereof which they may deem suitable for a public park, situated partly in the Brighton district of the City of Boston and partly in the City of Newton, and, if they deem proper, to fill any part or the whole of either or both of said ponds, and to hold the same as a part of the Metropolitan park system.

Sect. 2. The Treasurer of the Commonwealth, on request of said Board of Metropolitan Park Commissioners, approved by the Governor and Council, may from time to time issue and sell bonds of the Commonwealth to the amount of \$200,000 and hold the proceeds thereof to pay the expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this act.

House Bill No. 540 was introduced on leave by Mr. Emerson, of Boston; referred to the Committee on Probate and Insolvency. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Disposition of Fees for the Solemnization of Marriages received by the City Registrar or Assistant City Registrar of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. All fees received by the City Registrar or Assistant City Registrar of the City of Boston for the solemnization of marriages by them under authority of Chapter 387 of the Acts of 1899 shall be paid by said City Registrar or Assistant City Registrar into the treasury of said city.

House Resolve No. 545 accompanies the petition of Woodbury and Leighton and others; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

Resolve relative to the Building known as the Westminster Chambers in the City of Boston.

Resolved, That the building known as the Westminster Chambers, situated at the corner of St. James avenue and Trinity place in the City of Boston, on land described in Chapter 452 of the Acts of the year 1898, may be maintained at the height at which it is now constructed; provided, that the same be carried to no greater height.

House Bill No. 551 accompanies the petition of Frank H. Monks; referred to the Committee on Harbors and Public Lands. It is entitled:

An Act to Promote the Location and Construction of Freight Tracks on the Commonwealth Flats in South Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners may grant locations to any railroad company authorized to do business in this Commonwealth, whether now or hereafter organized, for tracks to be used exclusively for freight purposes, upon, along and across any part of the surface of the "filled Commonwealth flats," so-called, situated in that part of Boston called South Boston, including any portion of said flats laid out as streets, but not accepted as such by the City of Boston. And the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston may grant locations for such tracks upon, along and across any portion of said flats which have been accepted as streets by said city. And said Harbor and Land Commissioners and said Board of Aldermen may, with respect to those portions of said tracks within their respective jurisdictions, impose terms and conditions as to the method of construction to be used in building such tracks, the subsequent maintenance of the same, the extent to which and the time during which freight cars may be moved thereon, the kind of motive power to be used, and the speed at which said cars may be moved on said tracks, either as a part of an original order or grant of location or subsequently.

Sect. 2. Said "filled Commonwealth flats," so-called, for the purposes of this act, are bounded and described as follows, namely:

Beginning at a point at the northerly corner of First street and B street in said South Boston; thence running north-easterly by the north-westerly line of said B street to the Harbor Commissioners' line; thence running easterly and south-easterly by said Harbor Commissioners' line to the entrance of the channel or water-way reserved by said Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners and called the "reserved channel"; thence running westerly and south-westerly by the line of the north-easterly wall of said reserved channel and south-westerly by the north-easterly line of E street to the easterly corner of First street and E street; thence running north-westerly by the north-easterly line of said First street to the point of beginning.

Sect. 3. Said Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners shall have the same right to revoke the location of said tracks in those portions of said territory which at the time of said revocation have not been accepted as streets by the City of Boston, and the Board of Aldermen of said city shall have the same right to revoke the locations of said tracks in those portions of said territory which at the time of said revocation have been accepted as streets by said city, as said Board of Aldermen now has or may hereafter have with respect to the revocation of locations of street railway tracks in said city.

Sect. 4. Said Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners may, if they deem such action for the interest of the Commonwealth, for a nominal or such other consideration as they may deem reasonable and proper under the circumstances of each case, release, for the Commonwealth and its assigns, any railroad company proposing and agreeing to locate, construct, maintain and use tracks on said flats, and its successors and assigns, of and from any and all liability for damages to the adjoining land by reason of said location, construction, maintenance and use of tracks.

House Bill No. 561, accompanies the petition of Thomas J. Lydon; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Rebuild Broadway Bridge in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City Engineer of the City of Boston shall rebuild Broadway bridge, so-called, across Fort Point channel in the City of Boston, and the approaches thereto, with such grades as shall be determined by the Superintendent of Streets with the approval of the Mayor.

Sect. 2. The New England Railroad Company shall pay into the treasury of said city, to be applied to the payment of the cost of said rebuilding, the amount which it would have been obliged to pay in for raising said bridge in the manner recently authorized by the Board of Aldermen of said city on the petition of said railroad; and the City Treasurer of said city, from time to time, on the request of said Mayor, shall issue bonds of said city to an amount not exceeding \$300,000 outside of the debt limit thereof, and hold the proceeds to pay the expenses incurred therefor.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the City Council.

House Bill No. 567 accompanies the petition of Thomas N. Hart; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Building at the Corner of St. James Avenue and Trinity Place in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The building situated at the corner of St. James avenue and Trinity place in the City of Boston, near Copley square in said city, may be maintained, with walls and roofs, at the height at which they are at the date of the passage of this act, anything in the provisions of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1898, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 568 accompanies the petition of Thomas W. Hinkley; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to pay a Sum of Money to the Widow of William J. Ryan.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston is hereby authorized to pay to the widow of William J. Ryan, late lieutenant of Fire Engine Company No. 7, in the City of Boston, the remainder of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to perform his duties as such lieutenant until the first day of January in the year 1900.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 576 accompanies the petition of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company; referred to the Committee on Insurance. It is entitled:

An Act to Authorize the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company to establish a Guaranty Capital.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company, a corporation existing and doing business under the laws of this Commonwealth, is hereby authorized to establish a guaranty capital of not less than \$100,000, nor more than \$200,000, divided into shares of \$100 each, which shall be invested in the same securities in which insurance companies are now required by law to invest their capital.

Sect. 2. Each shareholder of said guaranty capital shall, at all meetings of the corporation, be entitled to one vote for each share he holds not in excess of one-tenth of said capital.

Sect. 3. The stockholders of the guaranty capital shall be entitled to such annual dividends, not exceeding 8 per cent., payable from the net surplus, as may have been agreed upon in the subscription thereof. The company may redeem its guaranty capital by appropriation of net surplus for that purpose whenever its members so vote.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 579 accompanies petition of James Burton and others; referred to the Committee on Labor. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Hiring of Laborers by the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Whenever in the carrying on of any public work by the City of Boston the said city engages any contractor to furnish laborers for the use of the said city in carrying on said work, and said city is to pay to said contractor a stipulated sum per day for the use of each of said laborers, with the understanding that the said contractor is to pay the said laborers out of said sum, the said contractor shall file in the office of the City Clerk of said City of Boston a written statement under oath, subscribed by said contractor, stating the number of men so furnished by him, the rate per day paid to him by the city for the use of said men, and the rate of wages per day paid by him to the said men.

Sect. 2. Any contractor who fails to comply with the provisions of the foregoing section, or who fails to pay his laborers as set forth in the statement filed by him shall be liable to pay a fine of \$100.

House Bill No. 598 accompanies the petition of John Humphrey; referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. It is entitled:

An Act Relative to the Appointment of Pilots and Pilot Commissioners for Boston Harbor.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 2 of Chapter 70 of the Public Statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint a Commissioner of Pilots for the harbor of Boston, who shall hold office for three years unless sooner removed by the Governor.

Sect. 2. Section 3 of said chapter is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 3. Said Commissioner shall grant commissions for pilots for the harbor of Boston to such persons as he may deem competent for the purpose. He may suspend or

revoke the commission of any pilot upon satisfactory evidence of misconduct, carelessness or neglect of duty. He shall see that the laws and regulations for pilotage within the harbor of Boston are duly observed and executed, shall receive and hear complaints by and against pilots for the harbor of Boston and shall examine into and decide the same.

Sect. 3. Section 4 of said chapter is hereby amended by substituting: Commissioner— for "Commissioners" in the first line thereof.

Sect. 4. Section 5 of said chapter is hereby amended by substituting: Commissioner— for "Commissioners" in the second line and in the fourth and fifth lines thereof.

Sect. 5. Section 6 of said chapter is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 6. Out of the sums so paid to the Commissioner, he shall receive such compensation, together with such allowance for office rent, clerk-hire and incidental expenses as the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council shall fix and the surplus, if any, shall be paid into the treasury of the Commonwealth.

House Bill No. 606 accompanies the petition of the Citizens' Association of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Provide for Additional Subways in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Boston Transit Commission may construct in the City of Boston a subway or subways of sufficient size for two or four railway tracks, with approaches, entrances, sidings, stations and connections therefor, and for the running of railway cars thereon, from a point or points within one thousand feet of the junction of Washington street and Broadway in the City of Boston, through and under the public streets, and through and under other public and private lands easterly of the existing subway, to a point or points within Haymarket square, or within one thousand feet from said square; and said Commission may in its discretion construct said subway or subways with special reference to making a suitable connection at or near the junction of Washington street and Court street, or at such other point under or near Court street, as in the discretion of the Commission may be suitable for such connection with the subway from Cambridge street, authorized by Chapter 500 of the Acts of 1897, and also with special reference to the connection at some suitable point with the tunnel from East Boston, if built; and said Commission may in its discretion connect said subway or subways with the existing subway at Haymarket square, or at such other point as the Commission may deem suitable for such connection. Said Commission is authorized in its discretion to construct said subway or subways in such manner as to permit, by extension thereof or otherwise, a suitable connection between said subway or subways, or between the existing subway and the South terminal station, or with surface or elevated railway lines adjacent to said station.

Sect. 2. Said Commission shall not begin the work of constructing any of said subways until it has filed in the office of the

City Engineer of said city a plan signed by said Commission showing the route or location of the part of a subway which it proposes to construct. Any such plan so filed may be altered at any time by a new plan signed and filed in like manner.

Sect. 3. Said Commission may locate and construct such subways, approaches, tracks, sidings, stations, entrances and connections where it deems best within the limits aforesaid, and may place the entrances to the portions of said subways intended for one railway at points along the aforesaid routes distinct and different from the entrances to the portions intended for another railway; and shall so conduct the work of construction that all streets and places under or near which a subway is constructed shall be open for traffic between 8 o'clock in the forenoon and 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

Sect. 4. Said Commission may for the purposes of this act use public ways and lands subject to the limitations herein contained; may take for the City of Boston, by purchase or otherwise in fee, any lands, including the buildings thereon, which said Commission may deem necessary for said purposes; may take for said city, by purchase or otherwise, easements or estates or rights in lands, including the right to go under the surface thereof, or through or under buildings or parts of buildings thereon; and any such taking in fee or otherwise may be made whether the lands taken or otherwise affected are held under or by title derived under eminent domain or otherwise. A taking under this section of an easement or other estate or right in a given parcel of real estate, whether such parcel consists of unimproved land or of land and buildings, may be confined to a portion or section of such parcel fixed by horizontal planes of division, below or above, or at the surface of the soil, and in such case no taking need be made of upper or lower portions or sections except of such easements therein as said Commission may deem necessary.

Sect. 5. Said Commission, to make any taking by right of eminent domain, shall cause to be recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk a description of the lands, easements, estates or rights to be taken, as certain as is required in a common conveyance of land, with a statement that the same are taken under the authority of this act, which description and statement shall be signed by said Commission, and the lands, easements, estates or rights described in said description shall upon such recording be taken for, and shall vest in, said city.

Sect. 6. Said Commission may remove the buildings from any and all lands taken by it, and may sell or lease, for improvement or otherwise, any part of or estate or interest in any lands or rights so taken, whenever the same shall in the opinion of said Commission cease to be required for the purposes of this act, and the proceeds of any such sale or lease made before the expiration of two years from the date of completion of the construction of said subway may be credited to the subway account. Any person or corporation acting under authority of this act may enter into and upon any lands, and may make surveys and examinations and place and maintain marks therein, and may do all other acts thereon incidental to such surveys, examinations and placing and maintaining marks.

Sect. 7. Said Commission may agree with any person as to the amount to be paid, as damages sustained by him, for any property taken or injured by said Commission under authority of this act or of any act in amendment hereof, and if any such person cannot agree with said Commission as to the damages so sustained, such damages may be determined by a jury in the Superior Court for the County of Suffolk, on petition therefor of said Commission or of said person against said city, filed in the clerk's office of said court within one year after such taking, or the property is so injured, and judgment shall be entered upon the determination of such jury, and costs shall be taxed and execution issued in favor of the prevailing party as in civil cases.

Sect. 8. Said Commission may, on or before the completion of said subways, grant locations for tracks to, and for tracks in, said subways to be used by any street or elevated railway company or companies. Said Commission shall, subject to the approval of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, fix by contract the terms and conditions and rates of compensation for the locations for said tracks in any of said subways, and for the use thereof by any street or elevated railway company or companies during a term of years not exceeding twenty.

Sect. 9. Said Commission may, if it deems expedient, construct any portion or the whole of the tracks in said subway or subways, and may electrically or otherwise equip the same, and may in the name of the City of Boston, and subject to the approval of the Board of Railroad Commissioners, enter into contracts with any surface or elevated railway company or companies, which shall be binding upon the contracting company or companies and upon the city and its officers and boards, for locations for tracks and other rights in any part or all of said subway or subways, on such terms and conditions, and containing such stipulations and provisions for the security of said City of Boston, the Commonwealth, and all other parties, including such contracting company or companies, as to said Commission or a majority thereof shall seem just and reasonable.

Sect. 10. Said Commission may order to be removed from the streets of said city any tracks which in its opinion have been rendered unnecessary by the construction of said subway or subways, and which are above said subway or subways, or within a distance of 500 feet of the entrance or location of said subway or subways, and surface tracks shall not be laid or maintained in that part of any street from which said Commission may have ordered such tracks removed, as herein provided. Said Commission may order the temporary removal or relocation of any surface tracks in or on any land or way through or under or near which any subway or railway aforesaid is to be built, also the removal or relocation of any conduits, pipes, wires or poles of any person or corporation, which it deems to interfere with the construction or operation of any such subway or railway, and the person or corporation owning such tracks wires or other property shall comply with said orders. Any person or corporation using or authorized by law to use wires along the route of any such subway may place them therein in such manner and on such terms as said Commission may approve. Said

Commission shall also designate locations in or adjoining said subways for sewers, gas-pipes, water-pipes, conduits and electric wires; and may fix the terms and conditions and rates of compensation to be paid for such locations and the use thereof.

Sect. 11. The Treasurer of the City of Boston shall from time to time, on the request of said Commission issue and sell at public or private sale, bonds, registered or with interest coupon attached, as he may deem best, in the name and behalf of said city, to an amount not exceeding \$6,000,000. Said bonds shall be designated on their face, Rapid Transit Loan, shall be for the term of forty years, and at rates of interest not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum, as said Treasurer shall determine, payable semi-annually. The debt incurred under the provisions of this section shall not be included in determining the limit of indebtedness of said city. The proceeds of said bonds shall be used to meet all damages, costs and expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of this act by said Commission. The interest on the debt incurred for the construction of the subway or any part thereof shall be considered as part of the cost of the construction until such subway or part thereof is open for use.

Sect. 12. The Board of Commissioners of Sinking-funds for the City of Boston shall establish a sinking-fund for the payment of the bonds issued under this act. All premiums received from the sale of said bonds, all moneys or securities deposited with the Treasurer of said city under the provisions of this act and forfeited to said city shall be paid into said sinking-fund. All rents, percentages or other annual compensation received from any person or corporation for any use of any of said subways or adjacent locations or for any use of any lands or rights taken under authority of this act shall be annually used by the said Treasurer, first, to meet any deficiency in the sinking-fund requirements for said bonds, after the payments hereinbefore provided for have been made; second, to meet the interest on said bonds and the surplus, if any, as a part of the general revenue of said city for the maintenance of its public parks.

Sect. 13. Said Commission may, in its discretion, take in fee by purchase or otherwise such lands as may be necessary or desirable to effect a connection or junction with any elevated or surface railway or railways within 500 feet of the location of said subway or subways as constructed by said Commission.

Sect. 14. The term of office of the members of the Boston Transit Commission is hereby extended for two years from the first day of July in the year 1902. The powers, duties and compensation of said Commission and of the members thereof during said term of two years, shall be the same as are specified and provided in Chapter 548 of the Acts of the year 1894, and in acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto; and any vacancy occurring in said Commission shall be filled in the manner provided in said Chapter 548. Said compensation and the expenses incurred by said Commission shall be paid as provided in said Chapter 548 and in acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto.

Sect. 15. This act shall not take effect unless it shall be accepted by a majority of the voters of said city, voting thereon at

some special election called by the Mayor of said city, or at some State or municipal election designated by said Mayor, such election to be held during the year 1900, provided that said Commission may, prior to said acceptance, make necessary borings and do such other experimental work as may be reasonably necessary for carrying out the purposes of this act, and said Commission may apply any balance of appropriations in their hands, to meet the expenses of such work, or the Treasurer of said city may issue and sell bonds as provided in Section 11 to meet the expenses of such work, if requested so to do by said Commission.

House Resolve No. 608 accompanies the petition of James E. Leach; referred to the Committee on Probate and Insolvency. It is entitled:

Resolve to Confirm the Acts of James E. Leach as a Justice of Peace.

Resolved, That all the acts of James E. Leach, of Boston, as justice of the peace between the tenth day of November in the year 1899, and the first day of January in the year 1900, are hereby confirmed and made valid.

House Bill No. 621 accompanies the petition of Francis A. Harris; referred to the Committee on Counties. It is entitled:

An Act relative to Expenses of Medical Examiners and other County Officers.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The County Commissioners of the several counties, and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston acting as County Commissioners for the County of Suffolk, may authorize, to the amount stated in their votes, the payment of office and other incidental expenses incurred by medical examiners, district attorneys and other county officers in performing the duties of their offices, and any votes heretofore passed authorizing the payment of any such expenses are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 622 accompanies the petition of Richard L. Gay; referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled: An Act relative to Caucuses in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. There shall be but one caucus prior to the State election and one caucus prior to the city election in each year in the City of Boston, at such times and places as shall be fixed and notified by the Board of Election Commissioners of said city, and such caucuses shall be for all political parties, and for such caucuses nominations shall be made and ballots for each such party prepared as are now provided by law for caucuses in said city, and selection and appointment of officers for and the proceedings at such caucuses, the counting of ballots, declaring results, and preserving and recounting ballots shall be the same as now provided by law for elections in said city, and all laws relating to caucuses and elections in the City of Boston, so far as applicable, not inconsistent herewith, shall apply to caucuses held under this act.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 631 was introduced on leave by Mr. Emerson of Boston; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled: An Act relative to the Pensioning of War Veterans who are Members of the Police Force of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Police for the City of Boston shall, at his own request, retire from active service and place upon a pension-roll any member in good standing, of the Police Department, who served either as soldier or sailor in the War of the Rebellion and received an honorable discharge, provided that said officer has arrived at the age of sixty years, or has had twenty years active service in said Department.

Sect. 2. The amount of the annual pension allowed to any person retired under the provisions of this act shall be one-half of the compensation received by him at the time of such retirement, the same to be paid by the City of Boston.

Sect. 3. The provisions of this act are in addition to and not in repeal of any act now in force relative to pensioning members of the said force.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the City Council of the City of Boston.

House Bill No. 640 was introduced on leave by Mr. McNary of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Provide for Establishing a Playground to Meet the Wants of Wards 15 and 16 of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, for the purpose of establishing a playground to meet the wants of Wards 15 and 16 of said city, is hereby authorized to purchase, with the approval of the Mayor of said city, land for a playground embracing some 533,900 square feet, more or less, bounded northerly by Columbia road, easterly by the westerly line of street, now or formerly known as Atlantic street produced across Columbia road; southerly by tide-flats lands owned by the City of Boston, and westerly by Columbia road.

Sect. 2. To meet the expenses incurred under this act the City Treasurer of said city shall from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, issue to the total amount of not exceeding \$200,000, notes, bonds or scrip of said city, payable at such time, not exceeding thirty years from their date, and bearing interest at such rates not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum, and such interest being payable at such times as shall be fixed by said Treasurer; and such notes, bonds or scrip shall be within the limit of indebtedness of said city.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the City Council of the City of Boston.

House Bill No. 654 was introduced on leave by Mr. Michael J. Sullivan of Boston; referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Advertising of Legal Notices in the County of Suffolk and City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. All notices or advertisements relating to contracts or other matters re-

quired by law to be made in newspapers by the City of Boston, or the officers or departments thereof, shall be deemed to be so made if made in the weekly publication of said city, entitled THE CITY RECORD.

Sect. 2. All notices required by law or by court or other authority to be advertised in some newspaper published in the County of Suffolk or in the City of Boston, or printed therein, shall be deemed to be so advertised if advertised in said publication.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 660 accompanies the petition of Charles E. Stratton; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Incur Indebtedness Outside the Debt Limit for the purpose of Completing its Public Parks.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston shall complete the public parks of said city, other than playgrounds; and to pay the cost thereof, including payments for land, the Treasurer of said city shall from time to time, on request of the Mayor, issue bonds of the city to the amount of \$250,000. Said bonds shall not be reckoned in determining the debt limit of said city: provided, however, that no part of said bonds shall be used for the payment of land not already taken or purchased.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 668 accompanies the petition of Thomas Arthur; referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Crossings of Railroads and Public Ways in East Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Commission appointed by the Superior Court for the County of Suffolk upon the petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Boston under the provisions of Chapter 390 of the Acts of the year 1899, if it determine that the public interests require the abolition of the grade crossings or any of them referred to in said act, may decide that the tracks of the railroads referred to in said act, or any portion of them be relocated, the existing locations of said railroads or any portion of them be discontinued, and the tracks of said railroads or either of them or any part of them relocated according to the recommendations and plans submitted by the State Board on Docks and Terminal Facilities appointed under Chapter 291 of the Acts of 1895, or in such other manner as said Commission may decide.

Sect. 2. The foregoing provisions shall be considered as an amendment to the provisions of Section 3 of said Chapter 390 of the Acts of 1899; but nothing herein shall affect the other provisions of said Chapter 390.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 679 accompanies the petition of B. B. Whittemore; referred to the Committee on Education. It is entitled:

An Act to Establish a School-house Department in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The School-house Department of the City of Boston is hereby established, to be under the charge of a board of three commissioners, all of whom shall be citizens of the City of Boston, and shall be known as the school-house commissioners, and be appointed by the Mayor of said city, subject to confirmation by the School Committee of said city.

During the current year one of said commissioners shall be appointed for the term of three years, one for the term of two years, and one for the term of one year, beginning on the first day of May in the year 1900; and hereafter in the year in which any term shall expire a commissioner shall be appointed for a term of three years, beginning with the first day of May in the year of appointment. Any vacancy occurring among said commissioners shall be filled by appointment of a commissioner as aforesaid for the remainder of the term.

The members of said board shall each receive such salary as said city may by ordinance provide.

The provisions of Chapter 266 of the Acts of the year 1885, and all other acts relating to the departments of the City of Boston or the officers or employees thereof, except as otherwise herein provided, shall be applicable to said departments and the officers and employees thereof.

Sect. 2. The school-house commissioners shall have and exercise all the powers and authority and be subject to all the duties and limitations now held by or imposed upon the School Committee of the City of Boston, relating to the purchase, design, construction, erection, alteration, repair and furnishing of all school buildings in the City of Boston, and the procuring by purchase or otherwise of lands for school purposes; provided, however, that no land shall be purchased or taken for school purposes except upon a request of the School Committee designating the limits of territory within which the land is to be acquired; and provided, further, that no new school-house shall be constructed and no addition to or alteration upon any existing school-house shall be made until the plans therefor shall have been approved by the Superintendent of Schools.

Sect. 3. This act so far as relates to the appointment of said commissioners shall take effect upon its passage, and for all other purposes shall take effect on the first day of June, 1900.

House Bill No. 688 accompanies the petition of Charles A. Neuert; referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Provide for the Creation and Disbursement of a Public School Janitors' Retirement Fund in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. From and after the passage of this act the City Treasurer of the City of Boston shall reserve from the salary of each janitor of the public schools of said City of Boston two per cent. of the amount of each monthly payment due said janitor, in each and every month thereafter, and shall pay over said sums so reserved into a school janitors' retirement fund, to be held and managed as herein provided. Said City Treasurer shall be the custodian of said retirement fund and shall make payments therefrom as

ordered from time to time by the board of trustees of said retirement fund herein provided for.

Sect. 2. The board of trustees shall consist of five members, three of whom shall be chosen by the janitors of the public schools of the City of Boston from their own number, in the following manner: In the month of September, 1900, the Superintendent of Schools of the City of Boston shall call a meeting of all the school janitors then in the service at such hour and place as he shall designate, for the election of three trustees from their own number, one to serve for the term of one year, one to serve for the term of two years, and one to serve for the term of three years. Such election shall be by ballot, and a majority of all the votes cast shall in each case be necessary for an election. Annually thereafter in the month of September, at a meeting of the janitors called by the board of trustees, one janitor shall be elected in the same manner for a term of three years as trustee. At a regular meeting of the School Committee of said City of Boston, in September of each year, the President of said School Committee shall designate two members of said Committee to serve as members of the said board of trustees for the term of one year. In case of a vacancy in the in the board of trustees so constituted, if the vacancy be that of a janitor member of said board, the remaining members of said board may fill said vacancy for the unexpired term, but if the vacancy be that of a School Committee member the President of the School Committee shall designate a member of that Committee to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term. Said board may organize and adopt rules not inconsistent with this act.

Sect. 3. Said board of trustees may receive and manage any funds given it by gift, contribution or otherwise, investing the same or any surplus of its retirement fund at any time only in such securities as savings banks are authorized to hold, and may from time to time pay over the income or principal thereof to the City Treasurer for disbursement as hereinafter provided; shall receive and consider all applications for annuities under this act, and shall determine the amount thereof and order payment of the same; shall keep full and complete records of its receipts and disbursements, and a complete list of annuitants, and shall make a report of the same at each annual meeting of the janitors called by the board in September of each year. All necessary and proper expenses incurred by said board in carrying out the provisions of this act shall be paid out of said retirement fund by the City Treasurer on requisition of said board. The members of said board shall serve without compensation. If at any time any member of said board shall cease to be a member of the School Committee of said city or a janitor in the public schools respectively, his or her membership in said board shall at once end.

Sect. 4. The City Treasurer upon vote and requisition of said board of trustees shall pay out of said retirement fund, in monthly payments, such an annuity to any janitor who shall retire or be discharged from the service of the city, as the fund will allow, and said board of trustees shall determine said annuity, not to exceed in any case one-half of the salary received by said janitor at the time of said retirement or discharge, provided that no janitor shall receive

such annuity unless he or she has served as janitor of a Boston public school for at least twenty-five years, or shall have reached the age of sixty-five years at the time of his or her retirement or discharge, and in case of such retirement or discharge after reaching the age of sixty-five years, shall have served at least ten years as janitor in the public schools, except as hereinafter provided.

Sect. 5. Any janitor who retires or is discharged after two years subsequent to the passage of this act, shall, upon application to said board of trustees within three months from his or her retirement or discharge, provided, he or she has been a public school janitor of said city for at least two years previous to such retirement or discharge, receive from said retirement fund such sum as said board of trustees shall determine and order to be paid by said City Treasurer, but not in any case to exceed one-half the amount reserved from his or her salary by the City Treasurer under this act.

Sect. 6. No annuity under this act shall be paid to any janitor who retires or is discharged within two years from the passage of this act.

Sect. 7. This act shall apply to all janitors of the public schools of the City of Boston who are in the service of said city at the time of its enactment, and to all such janitors as enter such service after its enactment.

Sect. 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, February 5, 1900, Chairman O'Brien presiding. All the members were present.

The following messages from the Mayor were received:

Temporary Malden Bridge.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 3, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: An instrument giving the approval of the War Department to alternative plans for a temporary bridge across Mystic river, for use during the reconstruction of the new Malden bridge, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Washington, January 30, 1900.

SIR: Referring to your application of thirteenth instant, I have the honor to transmit herewith, for retention, an instrument, approving, under certain stipulated conditions, the alternative plans for a temporary bridge to be constructed by the City of Boston across Mystic river, Boston, easterly of and near the so called Malden bridge, for use during the construction of a permanent bridge, plans for which were approved by this Department August 12, 1899.

Very respectfully,

ELIHU ROOT, Secretary of War.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor, Boston.

Whereas, Under the date of November 4, 1899, the Secretary of War, under authority of Section 9 of the River and Harbor Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stats. 1151), approved plans for a temporary bridge to be constructed by the City of Boston, Massachusetts, across Mystic river, in said city, easterly of and near the so called Malden bridge, for use during the construction of a permanent bridge, plans of which were approved by the Secretary of War under date of August 12, 1899.

And, whereas, the City of Boston has now submitted, with request for approval, alternative plans for the said temporary bridge at said place, which have been approved by the Chief Engineers.

Now, therefore, this is to certify that the alternative plans of said temporary bridge, which are hereto attached, are hereby approved by the Secretary of War, subject to the following conditions:

(1.) That the Engineer Officer of the United States Army, in charge of the district within which said temporary bridge is to be built, may supervise its construction, in order that said plans shall be complied with.

(2.) That upon the completion of the permanent bridge, the temporary bridge herein authorized shall be entirely removed to the satisfaction of the Secretary of War.

Witness my hand this thirtieth day of January, 1900.

ELIHU ROOT, Secretary of War.

Sent down.

Flooding of Commonwealth Park.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 1, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: The reply of the Water Commissioner to your order dated 26 January, 1900, requesting that Commonwealth Park be flooded, in order that it might be used for skating, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, January 30, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: Referring to the order of the Board of Aldermen, passed January 26, requesting the Superintendent of Public Grounds to flood Commonwealth Park for skating purposes, I would say that an examination of the premises shows that it would be useless to attempt to flood the park under the present conditions, inasmuch as the earth is of such a porous nature as to absorb the water before it has time to freeze. Even if the place would hold water, an embankment about one foot high and one hundred and fifty feet long would first have to be built, in order to keep the water from flowing over the gymnasium enclosure.

Respectfully,

A. P. MARTIN, Water Commissioner.

Placed on file.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

February 1, 1900.

General Order No. 662.

Patrolman Orrick Look, of Division 16, having performed faithful service in the Police Department for twenty-seven years, being an honorably discharged soldier of the War of the Rebellion, and having requested to be retired from active service under the provisions Chapter 172 of the Acts of 1898, it is, therefore, hereby

Ordered, That the said Patrolman Look be retired from active service in the Police Department, placed upon the pension-roll, and allowed the sum of \$600 per annum, to be paid monthly; said sum being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him at the time of his retirement; said retirement to take effect at roll-call, 5.45 o'clock this evening.

February 3, 1900.

General Order No. 663.

In the matter of the complaint made by Morse J. Alland against Patrolman Henry F. Barry, of Division 2, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Conduct unbecoming an officer, the Board finds the said Patrolman Barry guilty and sentences him to be reprimanded in General Orders.

Awards of Contracts.**Hospital Department.**

Proposals for supplying the Hospital Department with 1,500 tons (2,240 pounds to the ton) of hard or free white ash, egg size, or hard or free, white ash, pea coal, to be delivered alongside of the coal-pocket at the City Hospital wharf, Roxbury canal, were opened at the office of the Superintendent on January 18, 1900, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Metropolitan Coal Company:	
Philadelphia and Reading or Scranton pea coal	\$4 50
Philadelphia and Reading or Lehigh and Wilkesbarre coal, egg size	4 65
J. A. Bradford & Co.:	
Wyoming or Packer Lehigh, pea size,	3 84
Wyoming or Packer Lehigh, egg size,	4 65
H. & A. Morse & Co.:	
Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company's hard or free W. A. egg coal	4 65
Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company's pea coal	3 80

The contract was awarded to H. & A. Morse & Co. for Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company's pea coal, at \$3.80 per ton.

G. H. M. ROWE, Superintendent.

Pauper Institutions Department.

Proposals for furnishing each week, until February 1, 1901, about 1,050 pounds of fish, 500 pounds of mutton, and 2,500 pounds of beef, were opened at the office of the Pauper Institutions Trustees, on January 22, as follows, the prices given being per 100 pounds:

FISH.

ITEMS.	F. J. O'Hara & Co.	J. Burns & Co.	Caswell, Livermore & Co.
About 420 pounds — Fresh large shore or Georges cod, or of haddock or cusk	\$2 37½	\$2 50	
About 490 pounds — Salt large or medium shore or Georges cod		3 75	} \$2 50
Or pollock, cusk or hake . . . . .	.....	3 00	
About 45 pounds — Halibut	} 10 00	10 00	}
Bluefish		8 00	
Salmon		15 00	
Or trout		6 00	
About 40 pounds — Fresh large shore or Georges cod, or of haddock or cusk	2 37½	2 50	
About 40 pounds — Salt large or medium shore or Georges cod		3 75	} 2 50
Or pollock, cusk or hake . . . . .	.....	3 00	
About 6 pounds — Halibut	} 10 00	10 00	}
Bluefish		8 00	
Salmon		15 00	
Trout		6 00	

The bids for fresh fish were rejected.

The contract for salt fish was awarded to Caswell, Livermore & Co.

MUTTON.

ITEMS.	J. V. Fletcher & Sons.	J. A. Hathaway & Co.	I. E. Noyes.	Joshua Thordike & Co.
Forequarters, about 250 pounds	\$5 00	\$4 50	\$4 50	\$4 50
Hindquarters, about 160 pounds	9 00	8 00	8 00	9 00
Forequarters, about 70 pounds	5 00	4 50	4 50	4 50
Hindquarters	9 00	.....	8 00	.....
About 10 whole carcasses	7 00	6 75	.....	7 50

The contract was awarded to J. A. Hathaway & Co.

BEEF.

ITEMS.	Samuel S. Larnard.	J. A. Hathaway & Co.	N. E. Hollis.	J. V. Fletcher & Sons.
Soup beef, about 1,650 pounds	\$5 25	\$4 89	\$5 32	\$5 15
Rump, about 350 pounds	13 50	12 50	12 50	12 50
Corned beef	6 75	.....	6 87	6 75
Rib, about 300 pounds	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 50
Sirloin	22 00	.....	20 00	22 00
Soup beef, about 130 pounds	5 25	4 89	5 32	5 15
Rump	13 50	.....	12 50	12 50
Corned beef, about 40 pounds	6 75	6 25	6 87	6 75
Tip sirloin, about 15 pounds	22 00	19 00	20 00	22 00

The contract was awarded to J. A. Hathaway & Co.

WALTER HUNNEWELL,
Secretary pro tempore.

Board Meetings.**Insane Hospital Department.**

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at the men's department on January 25, 1900.

Present: Messrs. Goddard and Sanderson, Drs. Baldwin and Knapp.

A letter was read from Dr. Walter Channing asking permission to take students to the Hospital. The matter was left to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent read his report which was accepted and placed on file.

The question of the wages of a head attendant in the infirmary building, and also of a party on April 19 was referred to the Committee on Service, with full powers.

The question of a new hot-water tank in the "B" building, and of the changes in the roof of the laundry to prevent the condensation of steam was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with full powers.

A letter was read from Frederick J. Dower asking that the board of his wife, Honor Dower, be remitted. It was referred to the Committee on Finance, with full powers.

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, January 26, 1900.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Bowditch, DeNormandie, Dwight and Lincoln.

Received: Report of the Examining Committee; the Librarian's report.

Service changes: Employed, Alfred G. Ochs, temporarily on probation as forwarder

in the bindery, salary for the present \$12 per week, beginning January 29, to take the place of William T. Dougan, discontinued January 8; Salaries were fixed as follows:

Beginning February 1, Peter V. McFarland, grade D, executive department \$7; T. F. Brennan, grade C special, catalogue department, \$13; Lucy I. Bertram, grade D special, issue department, \$9; Josephine E. Day, grade E to D runner, issue department, \$5; Joseph Maier, grade D special, branch division, \$9.

Bill allowed, chargeable to general appropriation and payable by special draft, to A. A. Nichols, auditor, for the sum of \$204.73.

Ordered, That on or after February 1, 1900, the President be authorized to draw a draft upon the City Treasurer in the sum of \$1,500 payable to "The Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston, A. A. Nichols, auditor," the proceeds of the same to be deposited in the New England Trust Company to the general account of the Trustees, and thereafter to be drawn against by the Library auditor as may be necessary for meeting current expenses, under order of the City Council approved March 31, 1898.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$584.08; to trust funds, \$489.93; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$70.57; to Station "P," \$14.50; miscellaneous articles, \$225.55.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Street Laying-out Department.

Following is an abstract of the records of recent meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, January 15.

Orders were passed assessing the cost of Tonawanda street, and laying out public alleys Nos. 422 to 429 (excepting No. 425).

Wednesday, January 17.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out Colberg avenue, at West Roxbury, with the name of Colberg street.

Friday, January 19.

It was voted to award Mary, Daniel and Anne Leary \$800 for damages occasioned their estate by the laying out of Columbia road.

The petition of Betsey I. Levenson and others for the laying out of Crescent place as a public way was received.

Wednesday, January 24.

The petition of J. M. Sullivan and others for a change of name in Peter Parley street to Peter Parley road was received.

Friday, January 26.

A public hearing was given in the matter of the laying out of Germania street.

A petition for a sewer in LaGrange street was received; also a petition for changing the name of Charlestown street.

Orders were issued to relocate Walk Hill street, and of the Board's intention to lay out Gormley street.

It was voted, under advice of the Law Department, to award Joseph E. Nute \$2,400, without interest, for damages occasioned his estate on Blue Hill avenue.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Bath Department.

The following table shows the number of baths taken daily at the Commonwealth Park Gymnasium, South Boston, during the month of December, 1899:

DECEMBER.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
1	-	25	-	75	100
2	250	-	250	-	500
3	8	-	-	-	8
4	320	-	-	-	320
5	260	-	200	-	460
6	-	100	-	125	225
7	175	-	-	-	175
8	-	50	-	150	200
9	100	-	500	-	600
10	16	-	-	-	16
11	150	-	-	-	150
12	175	-	125	-	300
13	-	50	-	100	150
14	200	-	-	-	200
15	-	60	-	75	135
16	150	-	330	-	480
17	12	-	-	-	12
18	125	-	-	-	125
19	20	-	225	-	245
20	-	50	-	75	125
21	-	-	200	-	200
22	-	50	-	75	125
23	75	-	300	-	275
24	22	-	-	-	22
25*	-	-	-	-	-
26	300	-	-	-	300
27	-	50	-	100	150
28	225	-	-	-	225
29	-	50	-	110	160
30	125	-	250	-	375
31	25	-	-	-	25
Totals	2,733	485	2,380	885	6,483

* Christmas Day, closed.
NOTE.—At this house, Wednesdays and Fridays are reserved for women and girls.

DANIEL D. KEARNS, Secretary.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, January 29, 1900.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending January 27, 1900:

Number of chattel mortgages	118
Number of discharges of mortgages	13
Number of assignments of mortgages	1
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	2
Number of attachments	2
Number of bills of sale	4
Number of assignments of wages	36
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	3
Number of married women's certificates	8

Accident notices have been filed as follows:

January 22 — F. Galloupe Woodbury, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in Meridian street.

January 26 — Lorenzo Cowan, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in sidewalk on Bromfield street.

January 27 — Charles A. Goodrich, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in sidewalk on Columbus avenue.

J. M. GALVIN,

City Clerk pro tempore.

Building Department.

Old Court House, December 18, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending December 16, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
2	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	7
3	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-
4	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	1
5	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1
6	1	6	-	-	1	3	1	8	-	-	34
7	-	6	-	1	-	2	2	14	-	-	49
8	-	4	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	16
9	1	3	-	-	-	4	-	3	-	-	10
10	-	4	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	12
11	2	-	-	-	1	5	-	1	-	-	33
12	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	5	-	-	14
13	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	1
14	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
15	-	1	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	4
16	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	12
17	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	-	10
18	2	-	-	2	-	-	1	3	-	-	13
19	3	-	-	-	2	-	1	12	-	-	32
20	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	6	-	-	14
21	-	3	-	-	-	1	1	5	-	-	9
22	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	5	-	-	9
23	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	5	-	-	3
24	1	4	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	-	12
25	3	4	1	-	1	1	1	7	-	-	10
T'ls..	15	50	1	1	6	14	33	11	94	325	

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

Health Department.

Old Court House, January 20, 1900.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been received at this office:

John Fottler, jr., 206 Norfolk street, Ward 24, three additional horses; hearing January 25, at 11 o'clock. C. E. Giles, jr., 5 Pearl street, Ward 20, nine horses; hearing February 1 at 11 o'clock. S. H. Whitwell, Dalton street, corner of Scotia street, Ward 10, fourteen horses; hearing January 25 at 11 o'clock. Daniel Noonan, 21 Hutchins avenue, Ward 22, twenty horses; hearing February 1 at 11 o'clock.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

Hannah McBride, 113 Centre street, Ward 24, one horse. Charles T. Chapin, Fargo street, Ward 13, fifty horses.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending January 20, 1900:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	39	43	82
Negative	112	93	205
No growth	1	2	3
Totals	152	138	290

Typhoid diagnoses: Eleven cases; ten cases negative, one case atypical. Mastoid abscess: One case, streptococci.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, January 23, 1900.

Statistics for the week ending January 20, 1900:

Cases pending	—	87
Number of applications	87	
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse, Tewks-		
bury	36	
Long Island Almshouse	13	
Charlestown Almshouse	1	
Observation Hospital		
Deer Island	3	
Boston Insane Hospital	9	
Westboro' Insane Hospi-		
tal	4	
Foxboro' Asylum	11	
	—	77
Number of applications re-		
fused	1	
Number of applications with-		
drawn	9	
Cases pending	—	87
Settlements investigated	168	
Settlements reported to the		
Trustees for Children	9	

Statistics for the week ending January 27, 1900:

Cases pending	—	79
Number of applications	79	
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse, Tewks-		
bury	38	
Long Island Almshouse	9	
Charlestown Almshouse	1	
Observation Hospital		
Deer Island	7	
Boston Insane Hospital	4	
Westboro' Insane Hospi-		
tal	4	
Worcester Insane Hospi-		
tal	1	
Foxboro' Asylum	6	
	—	70
Number of applications re-		
fused	5	
Number of applications with-		
drawn	4	
Cases pending	—	79
Settlements investigated	88	
Settlements reported to the		
Trustees for Children	8	

W. T. SEDGWICK, Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, January 15, 1900.

Statistics for the week ending January 13, 1900:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	96	15
Females	22	3
Totals	118	18
Offences:		
Against the person	7	3
Against property	15	9
Against public order and decency	99	6
Totals	* 121	18
Discharges:		
Males	124	8
Females	11	3
Totals	135	11
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	106	10
Permit of Commis-		
sioner	18	—
Payment of fine	11	1
Totals	135	11
Population:		
January 6, 1900	1,034	504
Committed since Janu-		
ary 6, 1900	118	18
Totals	1,152	522
Discharged since Janu-		
ary 6, 1900	135	11
January 13, 1900	1,017	511

* Three committed charged with two offences each.

Statistics for the week ending January 20, 1900:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	124	10
Females	19	3
Totals	143	13
Offences:		
Against the person	10	1
Against property	53	7
Against public order and decency	84	5
Totals	* 147	13
Discharges:		
Males	115	9
Females	25	5
Totals	140	14
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	129	13
Permit of Commissioner	2	1
Payment of fine	8	—
Bailed	1	—
Totals	140	14
Population:		
January 13, 1900	1,017	511
Committed since Janu-		
ary 13, 1900	143	13
Totals	1,160	524
Discharged since Janu-		
ary 13, 1900	140	14
January 20, 1900	1,020	510

* Four committed charged with two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, January 2, 1900.

The following is a summary of the work of this Department for the week ending December 30, 1899:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	325
Defects reported	25
Defects corrected	17
Feet of dead wire removed	4,500
Feet of dead wire retained	90
Fixtures removed	10
Notices of new work received	19

The Department employees responded to a second alarm of fire from Box 187 at 10 A.M., December 26; fire at the corner of Boston and Bellflower streets.

Twenty-six abandoned Western Union Telegraph Company poles were removed from Mt. Washington avenue, Granite, B and other streets, in South Boston.

Proposed pole locations of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company on Forbes and Temple streets and Chestnut avenue, West Roxbury; also Etna street, Brighton, were approved. Also fifty-eight poles on River street, between Washington and Freemont streets, Dorchester, were approved conditionally.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	228
Notices of new work received	103

The temporary wiring at the various theatres was inspected.

On December 26 the Fire Department advised of a still alarm on account of electrical trouble at 17 Temple place, Lewando's Dye-house. The trouble was due to water from a leak in the hydraulic elevator apparatus, affecting appliances used in the electric lighting of the premises. The current was cut out of circuits affected, discontinuing trouble thereby.

The fire reported December 25 at 105 Beach street as due to electricity was found upon examination to be due to other than electrical causes.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Conduit construction	1
Building connections	17
Pole connections	10
Lamp connection	1

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	7
Building connections	14
Lamp connections	3
Pole connections	5
Repairs	3
Cable drawings	12
Underground transformer installation	1

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

Bills have been introduced in the Legislature to establish a memorial park to Daniel Webster by purchasing the Webster homestead at Mansfield and for purchasing the General Rufus Putnam farm in Rutland for a public reservation.

HOUSES ORDERED VACATED AND DEMOLISHED.

Following is a list of the buildings ordered vacated during the month of January, 1900, by the Board of Health:

15 Cotting street.
47 Chaucer street.
20 Carver street.
13 Morton street.
511 Harrison avenue.
First and second rear of 220 Havre street.
38 Wall street.
1 Salter place.
2 Salter place.
3 Salter place.
4 Salter place.
9 Heath avenue.
12 and 14 Cypress street.
11 Cotting street.
41 Decatur street.
53 North Russell street.
32 Northampton street.
26 and 28 Athens street.
27 Sheafe street.
58 East Dedham street.
166 Prince street.
635 and 637 Harrison avenue.
105 Union Park street.
107 Union Park street.
97 Silver street.
18 Parkman street.
4 Emmett place.
81 Brighton street.
26 Poplar street.
26 Lowell street.

The following is a list of buildings ordered removed during the month of January, 1900:

37 Clark street.
South-east corner of Charles and Poplar streets.
Poplar street, second right from Charles street.
Poplar street, first right from Charles street.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

Superintendent of Streets Wheeler has announced the appointments of the following-named persons to be deputy superintendents of the various divisions of the Street Department:

Paving Division — Darius N. Payson, of Ward 21, in place of John L. Kelly.
Sewer Division — Guy C. Emerson, of Ward 11, in place of Charles R. Cutter.
Bridge Division — Walter Reed, of Ward 22, in place of William H. Carberry.
Ferry Division — Joseph J. Dennison, of Ward 2, in place of William F. McClellan.
Sanitary Division — Charles A. Young, of Ward 20, in place of Patrick O'Shea.
Street-cleaning Division — Frank H. Haynes, of Ward 17, in place of Joshua Atwood, 3d.
Street-watering Division — Frederick Hammond, of Ward 25, in place of Thomas J. Finneran.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS IN JANUARY.

The following is a summary showing the number of transfers of real estate and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of January, 1900, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 606; total number of mortgages, 490; total amount of mortgages, \$2,986,603.

District.	Number of Transfers.
Boston	165
South Boston	40
East Boston	59
Roxbury	88
Dorchester	146
West Roxbury	55
Brighton	35
Charlestown	18
Total	606

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending February 3, 1900, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	20.9
Death rate for corresponding week, 1899	21.7
Number of deaths:	
Males	110
Females	113
Total	223
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1899	226
Decrease	3

Of the 223 decedents, 214 were white and 9 colored; 146 were born in the United States, 75 in foreign countries and the birthplace of 2 was unknown; 44 were of American parentage, 152 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 27 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	94	10
Scarlatina	53	8
Typhoid fever	10	2
Measles	45	2
Totals	202	22

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	27
Pneumonia	20
Whooping cough	3
Heart disease	22
Bronchitis	5
Marasmus	2
Violent causes	11

Total from principal causes	90
Total from infectious diseases	22
Total from other causes	111

Total from all causes	223
Deaths of children under 1 year	30
Deaths of children under 5 years	66
Deaths of persons over 60 years	40
Deaths in public institutions	75

There was one case of small-pox reported during the week.

A resolve has been introduced in the Massachusetts Legislature asking for the appointment of a Commission to fix the positions occupied by Massachusetts troops at the siege of Vicksburg.

Advertisements.**CITY OF BOSTON.****BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.**

Boston, February 2, 1900.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing, in Room 25 in the Old Court House, on Friday, February 9, 1900, at 12 o'clock noon, as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory shown on plans numbered Z 63, 78, 79, 81, 82, made by the Board of Survey, and filed January 7, 1895, in the office of the City Surveyor in City Hall, Z 64, 100, made and filed by said Board of Survey in said office June 27, 1895, and Z 57, made and filed by the Board of Street Commissioners, January 30, 1899, in the office of the City Engineer in City Hall; said territory is located in that part of Boston formerly West Roxbury, and is situated upon Beech street, from Washington street to Centre street.

JOHN P. DORE,
SALEM D. CHARLES,
EDWARD W. PRESHO,
Board of Street Commissioners.

CITY OF BOSTON.**STREET DEPARTMENT.**

Boston, February 2, 1900.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing spruce lumber between February 15, 1900, and February 1, 1901, according to the office copy of the contract which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass. The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond of \$2,000, satisfactory to said Superintendent for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office on or before 12 M. of Monday, February 12, 1900, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

B. T. WHEELER, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

January 29, 1900.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 407 Marlboro' street, Ward 11, one bay-window of the following description: To project from fourth, fifth and sixth stories over public alley No. 414 in rear of 407 Marlboro' street. Dimensions: Thirty feet high, eight feet wide, and three feet six inches over line of alley.

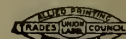
EDWARD J. HAMMOND.

CITY OF BOSTON.**IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

February 5, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the seventeenth day of February, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Republic and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said bearing.

Passed.
A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk pro tem.
Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk pro tem.



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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY.

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

City Government, 1900.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.

Thomas N. Hart, Mayor, 298 Commonwealth avenue.

C. W. Ernst, Secretary, 298 Commonwealth avenue.

John S. Sherburne, Assistant Secretary, 38 Gardner street, Allston.

James A. McKibben, Assistant Secretary, 42 Mellen street, Dorchester.

Walter J. Stevens, Assistant Secretary, 20 Blossom street.

William W. K. Campbell, Messenger, 45 Dwight street.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Chairman, Michael J. O'Brien.

Clerk ex-officio, Edward J. Donovan.

First District—*Frederick W. Day, apothecary, 19 Saratoga street, East Boston.

Second District—Philip O'Brien, japanner, 358 Bunker Hill street, Charlestown.

Third District—*Edward W. Dixon, liquor dealer, 201 Salem street.

Fourth District—Patrick Bowen, clerk, 44 Malden street; Michael W. Norris, liquor dealer, 123 West Fourth street, South Boston.

Fifth District—Michael J. O'Brien, carpenter, 805 Parker street.

Sixth District—George H. Tinkham, lawyer, 326 Commonwealth avenue.

Seventh District—*James H. Doyle, liquor dealer, 203 West Springfield street.

Eighth District—Joseph J. Norton, real estate, 524 East Fifth street, South Boston.

Ninth District—*Wilbur F. Adams, granolithic sidewalks, 15 Vinson street;

*Franklin L. Codman, manufacturer, 337 Neponset avenue.

Tenth District—Robert A. Jordan, lawyer, 61 Whiting street, Roxbury.

Eleventh District—Edwin P. Gerry, physician, 2 Everett street, Jamaica Plain.

* Re-elected.

COMMON COUNCIL.

President, Daniel J. Kiley.

Clerk, Joseph O'Kane.

WARD 1.

*George H. Battis, salesman, 112 White street; *David W. Simpson, commission merchant, 317 Meridian street; William B. Jackson, clerk, 62 Falcon street.

Population 1895, 21,007; polls 1899, 6,238; registered voters 1899, males, 4,190; females, 611. Total valuation 1899, \$12,079,200; total tax 1899, \$170,713.52.

WARD 2.

*Frank J. Johnson, clerk, 217 Paris street; William C. S. Healey, student, 193 Webster street; Daniel J. Sheehan, electrician, 273 Webster street.

Population 1895, 21,588; polls 1899, 6,359; registered voters 1899, males, 4,190; females, 124. Total valuation 1899, \$12,304,700; total tax 1899, \$173,909.57.

WARD 3.

*Francis J. Doherty, clerk, 64 Decatur street; *Charles A. Horrigan, fish dealer, 34 Bunker Hill street; William J. Carley, salesman, 26 Monument street.

Population 1895, 13,943; polls 1899, 4,342; registered voters 1899, males, 3,345; females, 276. Total valuation 1899, \$9,671,400; total tax 1899, \$135,379.34.

WARD 4.

*Thomas A. Kelley, clerk, 10 Sackville street; *John P. Sullivan, clerk, 3 Caldwell street; George H. Cadigan, clerk, 70 Baldwin street.

Population 1895, 13,375; polls 1899, 3,988; registered voters 1899, males, 2,759; females, 279. Total valuation 1899, \$11,681,500; total tax 1899, \$161,003.45.

WARD 5.

*John F. Gibbons, upholsterer, 33 Soley street; Arthur W. Dolan, student, 30 Rutherford avenue; John C. Hurley, student, 44A Park street.

Population 1895, 12,986; polls 1899, 4,246; registered voters 1899, males, 3,045; females, 187. Total valuation 1899, \$14,539,500; total tax 1899, \$198,959.45.

WARD 6.

*Andrew A. Badaracco, undertaker, 35 North Bennet street; *Patrick H. Bradley, clerk, 208 Endicott street; Thomas J. Grady, student, 49 Charter street.

Population 1895, 27,860; polls 1899, 8,870; registered voters 1899, males, 4,427; females, 90. Total valuation 1899, \$148,343,600; total tax 1899, \$1,961,041.16.

WARD 7.

Daniel J. Donnelly, blacksmith, 101 Tyler street; *James H. Stone, journalist, 24 Tyler street; *James A. Sweeney, clerk, 70 Oak street.

Population 1895, 16,973; polls 1899, 4,972; registered voters 1899, males, 2,730; females, 145. Total valuation 1899, \$257,056,500; total tax 1899, \$3,377,384.15.

WARD 8.

*Daniel J. Kiley, book-keeper, 13 Allen street; Michael F. Hart, telegrapher, 23 Eaton street; *Martin Leftovith, tailor, 86 Leverett street.

Population 1895, 23,130; polls 1899, 8,093; registered voters 1899, males, 3,832; females, 139. Total valuation 1899, \$30,204,600; total tax 1899, \$411,866.26.

WARD 9.

*Samuel Kasanof, baker, 319 Harrison avenue; *John J. Tobin, clerk, 60 Middlesex street; Daniel L. Flanagan, roofer, 2 Gloucester place.

Population, 1895, 23,174; polls 1899, 8,295; registered voters 1899, males, 3,959; females,

211. Total valuation 1899, \$26,832,600; total tax 1899, \$368,097.06.

WARD 10.

Alfred F. Kinney, carpenter, 12 Yarmouth street; * Walter R. Mansfield, student, 26 Cumberland street; Osborn A. Newton, coachman, 15 Burbank street.

Population 1895, 22,554; polls 1899, 7,076; registered voters 1899, males, 3,881; females, 476. Total valuation 1899, \$55,428,800; total tax 1899, \$740,269.28.

WARD 11.

* Edward A. Armistead, janitor, 36 Grove street; * William S. B. Stevens, clerk, 20 Mt. Vernon street; * Lawrence M. Stockton, lawyer, 390 Beacon street.

Population 1895, 19,930; polls 1899, 6,061; registered voters 1899, males, 3,891; females, 800. Total valuation 1899, \$174,319,300; total tax 1899, \$2,295,704.83.

WARD 12.

* Donald N. MacDonald, decorator, 398 Northampton street; * Arthur K. Peck, journalist, 727 Tremont street; Harry S. Upham, real estate, 127 Pembroke street.

Population 1895, 21,591; polls 1899, 6,846; registered voters 1899, males, 3,828; females, 550. Total valuation 1899, \$28,186,100; total tax 1899, \$382,929.91.

WARD 13.

* Frank J. Linehan, contractor, 16 Baxter street; Lawrence J. Kelly, tobacconist, 70 C street; John E. L. Monaghan, clerk, 80 Eighth street.

Population 1895, 24,900; polls 1899, 7,140; registered voters 1899, males, 4,027; females, 121. Total valuation 1899, \$21,981,900; total tax 1899, \$302,242.89.

WARD 14.

* George A. Donahoe, shipper, 726 East Second street; * Edward J. Logan, student, 560 Broadway; J. Frank O'Hare, printer, 100 H street.

Population 1895, 19,186; polls 1899, 6,240; registered voters 1899, males, 4,515; females, 471. Total valuation 1899, \$11,798,100; total tax 1899, \$167,035.11.

WARD 15.

* John D. Fenton, paper-counter, 26 Woodward street; * John H. Giblein, clerk, 50 Gates street; William L. White, constable, 2 Mitchell street.

Population 1895, 18,623; polls 1899, 5,375; registered voters 1899, males, 3,837; females, 453. Total valuation 1899, \$9,729,300; total tax 1899, \$138,203.83.

WARD 16.

* Frank S. Atwood, Assistant Secretary, Boston "Herald," 21 Alexander street; * Frank E. Wells, clerk, 70 Alexander street; William McG. Grant, clerk, 32 Clapp place.

Population 1895, 16,320; polls 1899, 5,485; registered voters 1899, males, 4,097; females, 446. Total valuation 1899, \$15,004,500; total tax 1899, \$207,528.95.

WARD 17.

* Timothy L. Connolly, real estate and contractor, 51 Mt. Pleasant avenue; * George A. Flynn, clerk, 4 Marshfield street; James M. Curley, salesman, 847 Albany street.

Population 1895, 21,114; polls 1899, 6,925; registered voters 1899, males, 4,381; females, 344. Total valuation 1899, \$18,564,000; total tax 1899, \$257,038.40.

WARD 18.

* John J. Curley, coal-dealer, 4 Sumner place; William E. Good, driver, 31 Newbern street; Michael W. Kelley, clerk, 19 Downing street.

Population 1895, 21,679; polls 1899, 7,121; registered voters 1899, males, 4,139; females, 240. Total valuation 1899, \$17,811,700; total tax 1899, \$247,575.27.

WARD 19.

* William H. Doyle, telegrapher, 14 Terrace street; * James McInerney, inspector, 66 Smith street; William O'S. Henuigan, shipper, 10 Mansur street.

Population 1895, 22,372; polls 1899, 6,951; registered voters 1899, males, 4,676; females, 230. Total valuation 1899, \$23,728,700; total tax 1899, \$324,747.97.

WARD 20.

Oliver F. Davenport, clerk, 27 Thacher road; * George R. Miller, superintendent, 11 Greenheys street; * George O. Wood, real estate, 333 Park street.

Population 1895, 21,528; polls 1899, 8,290; registered voters 1899, males, 5,915; females, 876. Total valuation 1899, \$34,210,100; total tax 1899, \$464,732.31.

WARD 21.

* Fred A. Emery, designer, 2 Thornton street; William M. Curtis, apothecary, 2986 Washington street; Clarence W. Starratt, clerk, 39 Walnut avenue.

Population 1895, 19,274; polls 1899, 6,500; registered voters 1899, males, 4,959; females, 890. Total valuation 1899, \$31,849,800; total tax 1899, \$430,232.38.

WARD 22.

* William G. Roemer, plumber, 169 Boylston street; William H. Nitz, book-keeper, 3231 Washington street; William L. Strickland, lawyer, 52 Green street.

Population 1895, 22,289; polls 1899, 7,158; registered voters 1899, males, 4,887; females, 446. Total valuation 1899, \$25,577,100; total tax, 1899, \$349,376.01.

WARD 23.

Walter E. Henderson, carriage-builder, 31 Orchard street; J. Henry Smith, salesman, 836 South street; Frederick W. Whiteley, book-keeper, 27 Arundel street.

Population 1895, 18,283; polls 1899, 6,002; registered voters 1899, males, 4,347; females, 547. Total valuation 1899, \$29,378,000; total tax 1899, \$396,855.80.

WARD 24.

* Samuel H. Mildram, with American Bell Telephone Company, 5 Walton street; Her-

bert W. Burr, clerk, 106 Lonsdale street; William E. Hannan, surveyor, 32 Beaumont street.

Population 1895, 18,240; polls 1899, 7,314; registered voters 1899, males, 5,244; females, 828. Total valuation 1899, \$27,638,200; total tax 1899, \$376,688.42.

WARD 25.

* Clarence W. Sanderson, clerk, 33 Chestnut Hill avenue; * Harvey W. Walker, lawyer, 293 Cambridge street; Frank H. Howe, apothecary, 131 Franklin street.

Population, 1895, 15,001; polls, 1899, 5,514; registered voters 1899, males, 3,706; females, 605. Total valuation 1899, \$28,992,000; total tax 1899, \$390,823.20.

Population of the City of Boston, 1895,	496,920
Population, December 31, 1899 (estimated by the Board of health),	555,057
Total number of assessed polls, 1899,	161,401
Registered voters, 1899,	
Males	102,875
Females	10,385
Total	113,260

Total valuation, 1899 . . .	\$1,076,911,200 00
Total tax, 1899	14,430,338 72

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION.

Boston, February 5, 1900.

A meeting of the Cambridge Bridge Commission was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, on Monday, February 5, 1900, at 3 P.M.

Present: Commissioners Hart and Champ-
lin.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Chief Engineer be requested to be present and represent the Commission at the hearing given by the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce at Washington, D.C., on Friday, February 9, 1900, at 10.30 A.M., on the bill to authorize the cities of Boston and Cambridge to construct the new Cambridge bridge without a draw.

Adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman.

EDGAR R. CHAMPLIN, Secretary.

DEATH OF CAPT. HORACE M. FORD.

The death ex-Captain Horace M. Ford, of the Police Department, occurred at his home 25 Arnold street, on Friday, February 9, 1900.

Captain Ford was born at Sanford, Me., October 7, 1831, and was appointed a patrolman on the police force of Boston on October 20, 1862. He was promoted to be a sergeant in 1869 and a captain on May 2, 1872, having charge of Division 3 and later Division 11.

In 1886 Captain Ford was retired from the Department, since which time he had engaged in the real estate business.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

The following bills concerning the City of Boston have been introduced in the Massachusetts Legislature, and have been referred to appropriate committees:

In the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 217 accompanies the petition of George W. Johnson; referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs: It is entitled:

An Act to Incorporate the Johnson Buildings.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Sect. 1. George W. Johnson, Edward C. Johnson, Wolcott H. Johnson, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of Johnson Buildings, for the purpose of holding, managing, improving and leasing the real estate in the City of Boston on Federal street and on Summer street lately belonging to Charlotte A. Johnson, deceased and by her last will and testament devised in trust; and such other real estate adjoining or near to the said real estate lately of the said Charlotte A. Johnson, deceased as they may hereafter purchase, and of performing all other legal acts which may be necessary for accomplishing such objects; with all the powers and privileges and subject to the duties, liabilities and conditions set forth in all general laws which now are or hereafter may be in force applicable to such corporations.

Sect. 2. Said corporation may sell or mortgage any portions or the whole of any real estate which it is allowed by this act to hold.

Sect. 3. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed \$2,000,000. The shares shall be of the par value of \$100 each, and no shares shall be issued except for cash actually paid in or property actually conveyed, and the value of such property shall be determined by the Commissioner of Corporations.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 638 was introduced on leave by Mr. McNary of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act relative to Parkways in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, acting under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1891 and acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, and from the proceeds of the bonds and certificates authorized to be issued for laying out, locating anew, altering, widening and constructing highways under said provisions, shall locate and order to be constructed, over public ways and private lands, the way connecting Franklin park and Marine park, known as Columbia road, from Mercer street to the westerly line of street now or formerly known as Atlantic street, produced across said Columbia road at a width of not less than one hundred and ten feet; and the same shall be constructed under the provisions of said acts.

Sect. 2. Said Board may designate a certain part or parts of said public way to be under the charge of the Board of Park Com-

missioners of said city as a parkway, and said Board of Park Commissioners shall, after the construction thereof, have the charge and control of such parkway, as if the same had been placed in its charge under the provisions of Chapter 300 of the Acts of the year 1893.

Sect. 3. Said Board of Street Commissioners, with the concurrence of said Board of Park Commissioners and the approval of the Mayor, shall specify to the Treasurer of said city the amount required for carrying out so much of the order of said Board of Street Commissioners as applies to the part or parts of said way to be used as a parkway as aforesaid; and said Treasurer in issuing said bonds and certificates shall cause the same to the amount so specified, to be designated on their face as Public Park Loan, and the proceeds thereof shall be expended and deemed and considered as expenditures for public park purposes.

House Bill No. 678 accompanies the petition of Samuel B. Capen; referred to the Committee on Education. It is entitled: An Act relative to the School Committee of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted etc., as follows:

Section 1. The inhabitants of the City of Boston qualified to vote for its School Committee shall, at the annual municipal election in the year 1900, elect from the inhabitants of the city nine persons, either men or women, to constitute the School Committee of said city; the three persons voted for who shall have received the largest number of votes shall hold office for the term of three years beginning with the first Monday of January following: the three persons who shall have received the next largest number of votes shall hold office for the term of two years beginning with said day; and the three persons who shall have received the next largest number of votes shall hold office for the term of one year beginning with said day; in case two or more persons voted for shall have received an equal number of votes, those who are the seniors by age shall, for the division into said classes, be classified as if they had received the largest number of votes. Thereafter the voters qualified to vote for School Committee shall, at the annual municipal election in each year, elect from the inhabitants of the city three members of the School Committee for the term of three years, in place of those whose terms expire. The members of said School Committee shall serve without pay. They shall annually meet and organize on the first Monday in January. The unexpired term of office of every member of the existing School Committee shall terminate immediately upon the first organization of the School Committee herein provided for.

Sect. 2. The School Committee provided for in this act, except as is otherwise provided by, or is consistent with this act, shall exercise the powers and perform the duties now exercised and performed by the School Committee of said city; shall succeed to said School Committee's corporate rights and duties, and shall have the powers and discharge the duties which may hereafter be imposed by law upon the School Committees of cities and towns. It may meet at such times and places as it may provide; may, when a majority of all the members are

present, hold meetings for the transaction of business; and may establish such school districts as are deemed necessary. Said School Committee by a two-thirds vote of all the members thereof shall elect a superintendent of schools, a business director, an auditing clerk, a secretary and a messenger; shall fix their compensation, and may require them to perform other duties in addition to those required of them by this act. The officers elected by the School Committee as herein provided shall continue in office until they resign or are removed by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the School Committee.

Sect. 3. The superintendent of schools, the assistant superintendents appointed as hereinafter provided, and thirty masters or teachers, or such larger number as the School Committee may from time to time provide, elected from and by the teachers of the public schools of said city, not including temporary teachers, shall constitute the school faculty. The School Committee shall adopt rules for the election of the faculty, so that every grade of instruction and every school that does not fall within any such grade shall be represented. The school faculty shall serve without extra compensation, shall consider all educational subjects, including such as are disciplinary and sanitary, and shall make such reports and recommendations to the School Committee as the faculty may deem proper.

Sect. 4. The superintendent of schools shall have the general charge and supervision of the teachers and teaching and of the school attendance officers. He shall have the determination of the courses of study, and, by and with the advice and consent of a committee of five appointed by him annually from the school faculty, the selection of the text-books and the apparatus to be used in teaching. He shall appoint six assistant superintendents or such larger number, and such number of directors, masters and teachers and school attendance officers as the School Committee shall from time to time authorize. He may promote teachers and may dismiss any officer or teacher at his discretion; provided, however, that all such appointments, promotions and dismissals shall be reported to the School Committee, and shall stand as final unless disapproved by the School Committee by a majority vote of all the members thereof within two weeks after the report is made; and provided, further, that no teacher or school attendance officer shall be appointed until after examination and certification by the assistant superintendents, acting as a board. The superintendent may upon the application of any person for a certificate as a teacher, and the examination and approval of such applicant by the assistant superintendents, acting as a board, issue such certificate to the applicant. All teachers employed at the time of the organization provided for in this act shall continue in office until they resign or are removed as herein provided. The superintendent of schools may be present and speak, but not vote, at all meetings of the School Committee and its sub-committees. The school attendance officers may be either men or women, and shall have and exercise the powers and duties now imposed by law, or which may hereafter be imposed by law, upon truant officers or school attendance officers.

Sect. 5. The business director, under the direction of the School Committee, shall have the care and maintenance of the school buildings, and cause them to be kept in a clean condition; shall purchase all supplies required by the School Committee, the schools or the officers and employees elected by the School Committee or appointed by any such officer; shall have the appointment, direction and removal of the janitors, engineers and other persons whom he shall require to assist him in performing his duties; provided, however, that all such appointments, promotions and dismissals shall be reported to the School Committee, and shall stand as final unless disapproved by the School Committee by a majority vote of all the members thereof within two weeks after the report is made; and, provided, further, that the principals of schools be given by the School Committee defined rights in the supervision of janitors and engineers. He shall not expend for all such purposes a greater sum than shall have been authorized in gross by the School Committee. The business director shall, before entering upon his duties, give a bond approved by said School Committee, for a sum of not less than \$10,000, with sufficient surety or sureties, running to the City of Boston and conditioned to the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

Sect. 6. The auditing clerk shall examine all bills contracted under authority of the School Committee, and, if found to be incurred under such authority and to be legal and correct, shall approve them and lay them before the Chairman of the School Committee for his approval, and thereafter deliver them into the City Treasurer for payment.

Sect. 7. The assistant superintendents shall perform their duties under the direction of the superintendent of schools. They shall have charge, under his direction, of all examinations of applicants for appointment as teachers, of applicants for certificates of qualification as teachers, and of school attendance officers.

Sect. 8. Each of the officers elected by the School Committee may appoint such assistants and employees as the School Committee may from time to time authorize; and such officers may, except as herein provided, remove such appointees at pleasure.

Sect. 9. The office of supervisor of schools in the City of Boston shall cease to exist upon the appointment of assistant superintendents as herein provided.

House Bill No. 689 accompanies the petition of John C. Cobb and others; referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Incorporate the South Bay Wharf and Warehouse Company.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. John C. Cobb, Charles W. Leatherbee, E. Clarence Hovey and Peter B. Bradley, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation under the name of the South Bay Wharf and Warehouse Company, with all the powers and subject to all the duties, liabilities and restrictions which now are or hereafter may be in force applicable to corporations organized under Chapters 105 and 106 of the Public Statutes.

Sect. 2. Said corporation is authorized to purchase, hold, lease, sell and mortgage real estate in the City of Boston, to build docks, wharves, warehouses, factories and other buildings and to construct driveways, tracks and lighters, and to operate any of the same; to receive merchandise and freight for shipment by transportation companies, and to receive freight from such companies for delivery to consignees.

Sect. 3. Said corporation shall be required to furnish the use of its facilities for receiving and delivering merchandise and freight to the public or to any transportation company on fair and reasonable terms, and any transportation company which can reasonably join with it in giving improved facilities for the transportation and delivery of merchandise and freight to the public shall so join on fair and reasonable terms.

Sect. 4. The capital stock of said corporation shall be \$300,000, divided into shares of \$100 each, and may be increased from time to time for the purposes herein set forth. The shares shall be paid for in cash at par, or in property at valuation approved by the Commissioner of Corporations.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 690 accompanies the petition of Thomas F. Dolan; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Provide for the Construction of Additional Subways in the City of Boston. Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Subway Commission shall construct new and enlarge and alter the present subways and may take by right of eminent domain such land as may be necessary to construct approaches, stations and entrances to the additional subways herein provided for, and also all lands through which the new subways herein described or the extensions or alterations of present subways may pass, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and said new and enlarged subways shall when completed be leased under the same conditions as the system now being operative; provided that all leases of all subways shall expire upon the same date; and, provided, that the acts of the Subway Commission in entering upon, altering or enlarging the present system shall not constitute a breach of contract, but the damage sustained by lessee may be fixed by and upon appeal to a court of equity.

Sect. 2. The subway connection from the East Boston tunnel shall extend through Hanover street by double track subway to Washington street, thence by sub-subway across Washington street, at which point the northerly and west-bound track shall be carried to the location of the present southerly track on Hanover street, thence to Scollay square, to Brattle street, to Washington street to location of present westerly track, thence to sub-subway and connect with east bound track to East Boston tunnel.

Sect. 3. The present westerly south-bound track at Haymarket square shall be discontinued on Washington street and carried by single-track subway through Sudbury street to Court street connecting with proposed south-bound track through Court

street from Cambridge, thence through Scollay square to and connecting with present south-bound track on Tremont street. This track is to be used jointly by elevated trains from Charlestown and Cambridge.

Sect. 4. The cars now passing up Hanover street and around Scollay square loop shall be continued up Washington street by way of present middle track to Cornhill to Scollay square, to Hanover street northerly track, to Washington street and by sub-subway to and connect with present westerly north-bound track. The north-bound elevated trains to Cambridge shall be at corner of Tremont street and Court street, switched to this north-bound track in Scollay square, leaving at corner of Hanover street and proceeding by sub-subway under Sudbury street track to and through Court street to Cambridge.

Sect. 5. North-bound cars on Huntington avenue and west-bound on Dartmouth street shall pass through St. James avenue to incline on land held by Providence division of New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, thence by subway to Providence street, to Park square, to Boylston street, to Tremont street and by sub-subway loop at or near Mason street returned to point of beginning; this subway shall be double-tracked and may be used by Berkeley street cars if desired, and upon its completion the surface tracks in front of Public Library and also those diagonally crossing Copley square shall be removed.

Sect. 6. The level below surface now had in sub-subway at corner of Tremont and Boylston streets shall be maintained through Tremont street and deflecting slightly to avoid present sub-subway at corner of Shawmut avenue and Tremont street, this depressed track shall, by passing under present incline from Shawmut avenue side, connect with proposed location of elevated road and be used by south-bound elevated trains.

The north-bound elevated trains will pass to the eastward of this track until the location of present north-bound track is reached, thence upon this track through Tremont street, and in no case shall elevated trains interfere with access of surface cars to subway.

Sect. 7. North-bound Tremont street and Shawmut avenue cars shall enter subway at Pleasant street and pass through Tremont street on track overhead of south-bound track for elevated trains, thence to Boylston street, to Boylston place, under private land, across Eliot street through Warrenton street to private land occupied by Children's Mission, to and through present sub-subway on Tremont street and returning to surface at Pleasant street.

Sect. 8. North-bound cars on Washington street and Broadway extension shall pass into a subway by incline, starting at a point at or near corner of Pine and Washington street, thence under Washington street, to Milk street, to Post Office square, to Congress street, to State street, to a street east of Devonshire street, to Adams square, to Washington street and back to point of beginning. A sufficient footway shall be provided through and under Brattle street for the use of passengers desiring to change to elevated trains for Cambridge.

Sect. 9. The corporation leasing the subways shall provide transfer stations and

furnish checks to passengers at all loops and junctions, the system of such transfers and checks to be subject to approval of Subway Commission and furnished free of charge.

Sect. 10. The City Treasurer of Boston shall issue bonds under the same conditions as required in previous subway legislation, and the total expenditure under this act shall not exceed \$8,000,000.

Sect. 11. The term of office of the Subway Commission is hereby extended, to cease on the first day of May in the year 1905.

House Bill No. 694 accompanies the petition of Charles E. Stratton; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act relative to Streets and Lands in the Neighborhood of Parks, Parkways, and Boulevards in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 2 of Chapter 540 of the Acts of the year 1898 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "said," in line three thereof, the words—boundary roads or—and by inserting after the word "relating," in line four thereof, the words—to said parts of ways and—also by inserting after the word "upon," in line six thereof, the words—lands abutting upon any such public park, parkway, or boulevard, or any of—so as to read as follows:

Section 2. Said Board of Park Commissioners shall have power to plant trees, place seats, standpipes, drinking fountains, and works of art on said boundary roads or parts of ways, and may establish reasonable rules and regulations, relating to said boundary roads or parts of ways and to the displacing of advertisements, and to the height and character of fences placed upon lands abutting upon any such public park, parkway, or boulevard, or any of said parts of ways, as they shall deem the public interests require.

House Bill No. 713 accompanies the petition of Harvey W. Walker; referred to the Committee on Probate and Insolvency. It is entitled:

An Act to Abolish Fees for Dog Licenses in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 105 of Chapter 102 of the Public Statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence thereof the following sentence: In the City of Boston in said county no part of the said moneys received for licenses shall be retained to the use of any officer, board or person—so as to read as follows:

Section 105. In the County of Suffolk all moneys received for licenses or recovered as fines or penalties under the provisions of this chapter relating to dogs shall be paid into the treasury of the city or town in which said licenses are issued or said fines or penalties recovered. In the City of Boston in said county no part of the said moneys received for licenses shall be retained to the use of any officer, board or person. All claims for damage done by dogs in Suffolk County shall be determined by appraisers as specified in Section 98, and, when approved by the Board of Aldermen or Selectmen of the city or town where the damage was

done, shall be paid in full on the first Wednesday of January of each year by the Treasurer of such city or town, if the gross amount received by him and not previously paid out under the provisions of this chapter relating to dogs is sufficient therefor; otherwise such amount shall be divided pro rata among such claimants in full discharge of their claims.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 726 accompanies the petition of William S. McNary; referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled:

An Act for the Purchase by the Commonwealth of the Road, Franchise, Property, Rights and Privileges of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Commonwealth hereby purchases of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company its road, and all its franchise, property, rights and privileges pursuant to the right reserved to the Commonwealth in Section 17 of Chapter 270 of the Acts of 1867.

Sect. 2. The Board of Railroad Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to ascertain the amount of capital paid in to the Boston and Albany Railroad Company and to the several corporations composing it, the times of the payment thereof by the stockholders of said corporations, respectively, and the amount net profit thereon of 10 per cent. a year from the times of said payments, and to report the same to the Governor and Council. The Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Council is hereby authorized to pay to the Boston and Albany Railroad Company the sum so reported by the Railroad Commissioners to be due in accordance with said Section 17 of Chapter 270 of the Acts 1867, or any sum less than the said sum so found. If the said Boston and Albany Railroad Company shall not be satisfied with any sum which the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Council shall determine to be due according to the provisions of this act the Governor shall cause to be filed by the Attorney-general of the Commonwealth a bill or information setting forth the terms of this act and the proceedings had thereunder, and thereupon the justices of the Supreme Judicial Court, or a majority of them, shall determine the amount to be paid by the Commonwealth for the purchase herein provided.

Sect. 3. Whenever the amount to be paid to the said Boston and Albany Railroad Company shall have been determined in accordance with Section 2 of this act, the Treasurer and Receiver-general shall issue, on request of the Governor and Council, negotiable bonds in the name and behalf of the Commonwealth and under its seal to the amount so found to be due and payable to the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, said bonds to be designated on the face thereof the Boston and Albany Loan. Said bonds shall be deemed a pledge of the faith of the credit of the Commonwealth, shall be countersigned by the Governor, shall have the principal and interest made payable thereon in gold coin of the United States of America, or its equivalent, shall bear interest semi-annually on the first days of January and July of each year, shall be registered or

with interest coupons attached, shall be payable within such terms, less than thirty or more than forty years, and shall bear such rates of interest, not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum, and be issued and disposed of in such amounts and in such modes and at such times and prices as the Treasurer and Receiver-general, with the approval of the Governor, shall from time to time determine. Said Treasurer shall, on issuing any of said bonds, establish a sinking-fund and determine the amount to be paid thereto each year, sufficient, with its accumulations, to extinguish the debt at maturity.

Sect. 4. Said Treasurer shall apply the proceeds from the sales of said bonds to the amount found due and payable under the provisions of Section 2 to the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, or to such agents as said Boston and Albany Railroad Corporation may by the vote of its stockholders direct.

Sect. 5. The Board of Railroad Commissioners is hereby directed, as soon as may be after the passage of this act and before proceeding to the performance of the duties provided in Section 2 of this act, to report to the Legislature its recommendation for the acceptance by the State of the delivery of said railroad property to the Commonwealth, and its suggestions as to the operation or further conduct of the business of said railroad.

Sect. 6. The Board of Railroad Commissioners and the Governor and Council are hereby authorized in the performance of the duties imposed by this act to employ such clerks, stenographers, experts or other agents, as may be necessary to the performance of the duties imposed upon them by this act, and the sum of \$10,000 is hereby appropriated for the payment of the expenses so incurred.

Sect. 7. This act shall not take effect until it shall be accepted by a majority of the voters of the Commonwealth voting thereon at the election of State officers in the year 1900.

House Bill No. 729 accompanies the petition of Henry C. Long; referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled:

An Act to Enlarge the Board of Railroad Commissioners and to purchase the Boston and Albany Railroad.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Governor, Attorney-general, Auditor and Treasurer of the Commonwealth shall hereafter be members of the Board of Railroad Commissioners ex-officio, and said Board thus enlarged to seven members shall take control over and have full charge of all the interests in railroads and railroad property of every nature and description now belonging to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or hereafter to be acquired by it.

Sect. 2. Said Board shall ascertain as soon as possible the lowest price which the Commonwealth must pay to secure the Boston and Albany Railroad, all its franchises, property, rights and privileges under existing laws and charters; that as soon as said Board ascertains said price, and providing said price is not greater than the market value of said railroad on January 1, 1900, said Board shall issue bonds, payable by the Commonwealth and bearing interest not greater than 3 per cent., nor running more

than twenty years from the date of issue, for the full amount required for the purchase of said railroad, its franchises, property, rights and privileges as ascertained by said Board, and shall sell said bonds at such times and in such amounts as said Board may deem wise, within ninety days after the issue thereof, and shall purchase and take possession of said railroad, all of its franchises, property, rights and privileges within six months after the issue of said bonds, for and in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Sect. 3. After the purchase of said railroad by the Commonwealth it shall be maintained and operated by the Commonwealth under the Board of Railroad Commissioners as enlarged by this act.

Sect. 4. Said Board shall have power to make contracts covering a period not greater than one year, but it shall not have power to make any exclusive contracts or grant any special privileges to any person or corporation or combination of persons or corporations; to make rules for the maintenance and operation of said railroad and for the control and management of all other railroad interests and property owned by the Commonwealth, and to do all other things reasonably necessary to the successful management of said railroad, interests and properties.

Sect. 5. All employees acting under said Board shall be engaged and work under the rules of the Civil Service of the Commonwealth.

Sect. 6. The income from said railroad, interests and properties shall be paid into the State treasury, and all payments made by said Board acting in its official capacity shall be made by orders on the State treasury signed by the President and Secretary of said Board.

Sect. 7. Five per cent. of the gross receipts of said railroad shall be set aside as a sinking-fund to pay said bonds as they become due. If the amount of the sinking-fund should exceed \$5,000,000 all in excess of that amount may be used in the purchase of bonds issued for the payment of said road, at such a price as may be of advantage to the Commonwealth.

Sect. 8. For a period of ten years from the date of purchasing said railroad one-third of the net annual income shall be devoted to the upbuilding of the commercial interests of the State in such way as the Legislature may from time to time direct.

Sect. 9. Said Board shall not enter into any contract with any person or corporation or combination of persons or corporations to carry freight, passengers or baggage over said railroad in any capacity unless said Board fixes a maximum rate charge which shall not be exceeded, and reserves the right to alter said rate at any time on sixty days' notice, and to regulate the movements of all engines and trains upon said railroad.

Sect. 10. Said Board shall make a full report of its doings to the Legislature annually, together with such recommendations as they deem for the best interest of the people.

Sect. 11. All existing laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

House Bill No. 740 was introduced on leave by Mr. Horgan of Boston; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

An Act to Amend Section 1 of Chapter 353 of the Acts of the Year 1892, relative to Pensioning Members of the Police Department of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1 of Chapter 353 of the Acts of 1892 is hereby amended by inserting the words: and shall at his own request retire from such service and place upon a pension-roll any member of such force who has performed faithful service in said Department for a period not less than twenty-five years, after the words, "age of sixty-five years," in line eight of said section, so that the same as amended, may read:

Section 1. The Board of Police of the City of Boston may at his own request retire from active service and place upon a pension-roll any member of the Police Department who has performed faithful service in said Department for a period not less than twenty years, if in the judgment of the Board said officer is incapacitated for useful service on said force, and said Board shall retire from such service and place upon a pension-roll any member of said force who has arrived at the age of sixty-five years, and shall at his own request retire from such service and place upon a pension-roll any member of such force who has performed faithful service in said Department for a period not less than twenty-five years, or any member who shall be certified to said Board in writing by the physician to the Board of Health of said city, as being permanently incapacitated, either mentally or physically, by injuries sustained in the actual performance of duty, from further performing duty as such member; provided, however, that no officer shall be retired under the provisions of this act unless such action is approved in writing by the Mayor of the City of Boston; and, provided, that soldiers and sailors who served during the War of the Rebellion and who have received an honorable discharge shall not be retired at the age of sixty-five years except at their own request.

House Bill No. 746 was introduced on leave by M. J. Sullivan of Boston; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

An Act to Provide Fenders on Certain Conveyances Operating in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. All conveyances in which the motive power is gas, naphtha, steam or electricity and which are operated in the streets of the City of Boston for carrying passengers or freight shall be provided with a fender.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 748 was introduced on leave by Mr. Gilpatrick of Boston; referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Election of Aldermen in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 355 of the Acts of the year of 1899 is hereby amended by striking out in line fourteen of said Section 1 the words, "seven, nine and thirteen," and inserting in place thereof the words—nine, ten and twelve—respectively; by striking out in line sixteen the word "ten" and inserting

in place thereof the word—eighteen; by striking out in line twenty-two the words "twelve and eighteen," and by inserting in place thereof the words—seven and thirteen—respectively.

House Bill No. 752 accompanies the petition of Thomas N. Hart; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Appointment of Constables in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Constables in the City of Boston shall hereafter be appointed and removed by the Board of Police of said city instead of by the Mayor with the approval of the Board of Aldermen.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 756 was introduced on leave by Mr. Harrington of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Appointment of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Street Commissioners of the City of Boston shall after the passage of this act be selected from the two leading political parties, and appointed by the Mayor of the City of Boston subject after the expiration of one week to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen of said city, one to be appointed for the term of one year, one to be appointed for the term of two years, and one to be appointed for the term of three years, each term beginning with the first day of May in the year of appointment. Said Board shall have charge of the Street Laying-out Department of said city, and all acts and ordinances relating to officers, boards and departments of said city and the employees thereof shall, except as they may be amended or repealed, so far as applicable and not inconsistent with this act, apply to said Commissioners and the department under their charge and the employees thereof.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 758 was introduced on leave by Mr. Burlen of Boston; referred to the Committee on Public Charitable Institutions. It is entitled:

An Act to Provide for the Care and Support of the Insane by the Commonwealth.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Commonwealth, from and after the first day of January in the year 1902, shall, by the State Board of Insanity, have the care, control and treatment of all insane persons who are now cared for by the Commonwealth or by any city or town in the Commonwealth or any board or officers thereof or who may hereafter be committed to the care of the Commonwealth; insane persons may hereafter be committed to the care of the Commonwealth, as they may be committed to receptacles for the insane; and no city or town shall hereafter establish any asylum or other institution for the care of the insane, or after said first day of January be liable for the board, care, treatment or act of any insane person.

Sect. 2. The Commonwealth, from and after said first day of January, shall own in fee the land and buildings now owned by the City of Boston in the West Roxbury district thereof and used for the care and treatment of the insane, and the insane persons now cared for by the Insane Hospital Trustees of said city shall thereafter be under the care, control and treatment of the Commonwealth by said State Board as aforesaid; said Board shall forthwith take by purchase or otherwise all the land in said West Roxbury district, bounded by Blue Hill avenue, Canterbury street, Walk Hill street, and a line fixed by said State Board on or near Wellington Hill; shall increase the number or enlarge the buildings used for the insane on said land so that they will be sufficient to care for all insane persons now under charge of said Trustees and such others as said Board may deem desirable; shall forthwith take by purchase or otherwise a tract of land and buildings and chattels thereon suitable for farming purposes to contain not less than 2,000 acres and to be approved by the Governor and Council; shall establish on the land a receptacle for the care, control and treatment of the chronic insane, said land and receptacle to be known as the State Insane Colony; and said Board may take by purchase or otherwise the whole or any part of, or the use of, any lands or buildings owned by any city or town and used for the care or treatment of the insane, and the Commonwealth shall own in fee all lands and parts of lands taken as aforesaid other than those the use of which is taken.

Sect. 3. Said Board, as soon as may be after said first day of January, shall transfer and remove all insane persons who are cared for by any city or town or any board or officers thereof, to the State hospitals, asylums, insane colony, or other institution under the charge of said Board and used solely for the care or treatment of the insane, may thereafter transfer and remove such insane persons from one such institution to another, and may place at board any insane person who is dependent upon public charity.

Sect. 4. The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Council, after the State Board of Insanity shall have acquired the land for said colony, shall appoint a board to be known as Trustees for the State Insane Colony, two of whom may be women, one trustee to be appointed for the term of five years, two for the term of four years, one for the term of three years, two for the term of two years and one for the term of one year, each term beginning with the first Wednesday of February in the year of appointment, and thereafter Trustees to be appointed as said terms expire, for the term of five years, the term of each Trustee beginning with the first Wednesday of February in the year in which the term of the Trustee whom he is to succeed expires. Any Trustee may, by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council, be removed, or a new Trustee appointed for the balance of a term in the place of any Trustee, or to fill any vacancy.

Sect. 5. Said Trustees shall obtain plans of such buildings as they deem necessary for said colony, and submit the plans to the State Board of Insanity for their approval; shall upon the approval of said plans by said

State Board construct and equip the buildings; shall have the charge and control of said colony and the care, control and treatment of the inmates thereof subject to the supervision of said State Board of Insanity; and shall appoint a Superintendent who shall be a physician, and such other officers and assistants as they may deem necessary, define their duties and fix their compensation, and may remove any of them at pleasure; said Trustees for the time being shall constitute a corporation under the name of Trustees of the State Insane Colony; said corporation shall have all the powers and be subject to all the duties applicable to such corporations; shall take and hold real and personal property given for the benefit of the insane to the Trustees or to the Commonwealth or to any institution of the Commonwealth; shall expend the property or the income thereof as required by the giver, or, if none is so required, for such additional land or buildings for said colony, or such other things for the care of the insane, as the Board may deem proper.

Sect. 6. Said State Board, to make any taking as aforesaid, other than by purchase, shall cause to be recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the county and district within which the lands are situated a description thereof with a statement signed by said Board, or a majority thereof, that the same are taken for the Commonwealth for the care of the insane, and such recording shall constitute the taking; said Board shall cause to be recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk a similar statement of the lands in West Roxbury hereby taken for the Commonwealth; the Commonwealth shall pay all damages sustained by any city, town or person by such takings, the same to be determined by agreement or arbitration by said Board and the Mayor of the city, Selectmen of the town, or person, owning the property, and if they cannot agree, shall be determined by a jury at the bar of the Superior Court for the county in which the lands are situated as damages for the taking of lands for highways are determined, on petition of such Mayor, Selectmen or owner filed in the office of the clerk of said court within one year after such taking and not afterward.

Sect. 7. Said State Board of Insanity may expend for the taking of land for said State Insane Colony not exceeding \$25,000; and said Trustees of the State Insane Colony may expend for erecting buildings and for completing and furnishing said colony not exceeding \$50,000, and said sums are hereby appropriated for said purposes.

Sect. 8. The provisions of Chapter 87 of the Public Statutes, of Chapter 433 of the Acts of the year 1898, and of all other general or special acts relating to the insane or institutions, or payment, for the care or treatment of the insane shall, so far as applicable and not inconsistent herewith, apply to said State Board and said Trustees and to the institutions, and payment, for the care and treatment of the insane by the Commonwealth, provided for in this act.

House Bill No. 775 accompanies the petition of E. Mertain Hatch; referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled: An Act relative to Registration of Voters in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 44 of Chapter 548 of the Acts of the year 1898 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

In Boston the Election Commissioners shall enter in the general registers, in addition to the particulars otherwise required in this act, the facts whether the voter is married or single, the residence of his family, the person or persons with whom he resided on the preceding first day of May and at the time of registration. Said information shall be entered in the general registers of Boston in columns headed "Married or single," "Residence of family," "With whom residing May first," "With whom residing at date of registration," and the headings of the general registers in Boston, and the blank books provided for the City of Boston by the Secretary of the Commonwealth under this section shall be arranged accordingly — so as to read as follows:

Section 44. They shall keep in general registers records of all persons, male and female, registered as qualified to vote in the city or town. They shall enter therein the name of every voter written in full, or instead thereof the surname and first Christian name or that name by which he is generally known, written in full, and the initial of every other name which he may have, and also his age, place of birth, residence on the preceding first day of May, or at the time of becoming an inhabitant of the city or town after said day, the date of his registration and his residence at such date, his occupation and the place thereof, the name and location of the court which has issued to him letters of naturalization and the date thereof, if he is a naturalized citizen, and any other particulars necessary fully to identify him.

The general registers shall have uniform headings in substantially the following form, and blank books suitable for the purpose shall be provided by the Secretary of the Commonwealth at cost to registrars applying for them.

When registered.	Name.	Signature of Applicant.	Residence May 1, or Subsequent Date.	Age.	Place of Birth.	Place of Occupation.	Minutes of Naturalization, Court issuing Letters and Date of Naturalization.	Residence at Date of Registration.	Remarks.

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Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 776 accompanies the petition of E. Mertain Hatch; referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

An Act relative to Names upon the Voting-lists of the City of Boston.
Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 24 of Chapter 548 of the Acts of the year 1898 is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the following:

The Commissioners of Prisons of Massachusetts, the Penal Institutions Commissioner of the City of Boston, the Pauper Institutions Trustees of the City of Boston, the Insane Hospital Trustees of the City of Boston, ten days before every State election and ten days before every city election in the City of Boston shall transmit to the Board of Election Commissioners of Boston the names of all persons then confined in the institutions under their charge, respectively committed from Boston in the County of Suffolk within one year prior thereto, whose term of confinement expires after the date of such election, with the last known residence of each person if within the City of Boston, giving ward, street and number. The Election Commissioners shall thereupon draw a red line through the names of such said persons as appear upon the voting-list to be used at such election and state the institution in which such person is then confined; so that the same shall read:

Section 24. The city or town clerk or registrar of deaths in each city or town shall, on the first day of every month, and also two days before every election, transmit to the registrars of voters a list of the names of all residents of such city or town of twenty-one years of age or upwards, who died in the preceding month, or since the date of the list previously transmitted, with a statement of the ward, street and number therein, if any, where such person resided at his death. The Commissioners of Prisons of Massachusetts, the Penal Institutions Commissioner of the City of Boston, the Pauper Institutions Trustees of the City of Boston, the Insane Hospital Trustees of the City of Boston, shall ten days before every State election and ten days before every city election in the City of Boston transmit to the Board of Election Commissioners of Boston the names of all persons then confined in the institutions under their charge, respectively committed from Boston in the County of Suffolk within one year prior thereto, whose term of confinement expires after the date of such election, with the last known residence of each person if within the City of Boston, giving ward, street and number. The Election Commissioners shall thereupon draw a red line through the names of such said persons as appear upon the voting-list to be used at such election, and state the institution in which such person is then confined.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 784 accompanies the petition of J. Emery Harriman, jr.; referred to the Committee on Mercantile Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Incorporate the First Motor Vehicle Company.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. J. Emery Harriman, jr., his associates and assigns are hereby made a corporation by the name of the First Motor Vehicle Company, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining in the City of Boston a radial elevator tower; and authorizing the said corporation to carry passengers by means of motor road vehicles to and from said tower, over the pier at Marine park and through adjoining parkways; also by means of elevators or otherwise, convey passengers to the top of the tower; and authorizing said company to maintain an amphitheatre, an observatory, and places for refreshment, amusement, games and entertainment; and to authorize the purchase or lease from the City of Boston or other persons or corporations, land, buildings, and locations necessary for the generation of power, and for such other purposes as may be necessary for the equipment and maintenance of said business, and for places of amusement, recreation and pleasure.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 785 accompanies petition of George A. Perkins; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Authorize the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston to lay out and construct a Bicycle Path in Boston Common.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston is hereby authorized and empowered to lay out, construct and maintain in Boston Common, in such places as said Board shall designate, a bicycle path, the same to be used in accordance with such rules and regulations as said Board shall determine.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 788 accompanies the petition of Charles R. Saunders; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Water Department of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Superintendent of Streets of the City of Boston shall establish a division of his Department to be known as the Water Division, and shall appoint a deputy superintendent of water to have charge of such division, as other deputy superintendents are appointed by him, and said Superintendent of Streets shall have all the powers and be subject to all the duties now imposed by law upon the Water Commissioner of said city and may require said deputy superintendent of water to perform such thereof as he may deem proper. The ordinances of said city relating to the Water Department shall remain in force until amended or repealed, and the powers therein conferred upon the Water Commissioner shall be exercised by the Superintendent of Streets.

Sect. 2. The office of Water Commissioner and the Water Department of said city are hereby abolished.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 789 accompanies the petition of Robert Treat Paine; referred to the

Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the System of Playgrounds for the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 412 of the Acts of the year 1898, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 279 of the Acts of 1899, is amended by striking out the whole of said section, and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 1. The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, for the purpose of establishing a comprehensive system of playgrounds to meet the wants of the different parts of said city, is hereby authorized to take by purchase or otherwise, with the approval of the Mayor of said city, land for playgrounds in such different locations, not exceeding twenty in number, as they may deem best adapted for the purpose.

Sect. 2. Section 2 of Chapter 412 of the Acts of 1898 is amended by striking out the words "five hundred thousand dollars;" and inserting in place thereof the words: One million dollars—so that the section shall read as follows:

Section 2. To meet the expenses incurred under this act the City Treasurer of said city shall from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, issue, to the total amount of one million dollars, notes, bonds or scrip of said city, payable at such time, not exceeding thirty years from their date, and bearing interest at such rates not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum, and such interest being payable at such times as shall be fixed by said Treasurer; and such notes, bonds or scrip shall be within the limit of indebtedness of said city.

House Bill No. 796 accompanies the petition of Francis J. Horgan and others; referred to the Committee on Public Health. It is entitled:

An Act relative to Pensioning Medical Examiners of the County of Suffolk.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Governor by and with the consent of the Council shall, at his own request, retire from active service and place upon a pension-roll any medical examiner of the County of Suffolk who has performed faithful service as said medical examiner for a period not less than twenty-five years.

Sect. 2. The amount of the annual pension allowed to any person retired under the provisions of this act shall be one-half of the amount of compensation received by him at the time of such retirement, the same to be paid by the Treasurer of the said county.

Sect. 3. The Governor is hereby authorized in case of emergency to call upon any person so pensioned for temporary service as medical examiner, and during such service he shall be entitled to full pay.

House Bill No. 802 accompanies the petition of Michael J. Lydon; referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled:

An Act to Limit all Steam Railroads to a Five Cent Single Fare within the Limits of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. No steam railroad shall charge more than five cents for a single fare for a trip begun and ended within the limits of the City of Boston.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

February 7, 1900.

General Order No. 664.

In the matter of the complaint made by Eben J. Sullivan against Patrolman Thomas F. Walsh, of Division 2, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Conduct unbecoming an officer, the Board finds the said Patrolman Walsh guilty and sentences him to be dismissed from the police force of the City of Boston.

February 9, 1900.

General Order 665.

The resignation of Patrolman William C. Nugent, of Division 13, having been presented, it is hereby accepted, and he is granted an honorable discharge from the police force of the City of Boston.

A bill has been introduced in the Legislature providing for the building of a canal across Cape Cod by the Commonwealth under the direction of a commission to be designated as the Canal Commission, composed of the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners, one member of the Board of Railroad Commissioners and two members of the Governor's Council.

Plans are under way for the establishment of a Commercial Museum at San Francisco similar to the one at Philadelphia. President Wheeler, of the University of California, is at the head of a committee, on which the commercial organizations of San Francisco have a large representation, to prepare the plans.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., Monday, February 12, 1900, Chairman O'Brien presiding. All the members being present.

The following messages were received from the Mayor:

Appointments by the Mayor.

Communications were received from the Mayor making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board:

Charles H. Allen, to be a Commissioner of Sinking-funds, for the term ending April 30, 1900, and for the term ending April 30, 1903.

Frederick H. Nazro, to be an Overseer of the Poor for the term ending April 30, 1902. Severally laid over, under the law.

Park and Whitfield Streets.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 10, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: The answer of the Superintendent of Streets to your orders requesting estimates of the cost of constructing Park street, Ward 20, between Washington and Waldeck streets, and Whitfield street, from Park street to Wheatland avenue, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, February 10, 1900.

TO THE MAYOR OF BOSTON:

In accordance with the requests contained in enclosed orders, referred to this Department February 7, I beg to submit the following estimates of the cost of street construction, not including sewer construction, if such is required:

Park street, Ward 20, between Washington and Waldeck streets	\$10,600
Whitfield street, Ward 20, from Park street to Wheatland avenue	5,000

Respectfully submitted,

B. T. WHEELER,
Superintendent of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Numbers on Boulevard Lanterns.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 9, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Superintendent of Lamps in reference to your order of February 5, 1900, requesting me to make arrangements to place upon

boulevard lanterns the numbers of houses situated opposite thereto, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

LAMP DEPARTMENT.

City Hall, February 9, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In regard to the enclosed request from the Board of Aldermen, I would report that no provision was made in the boulevard lantern now in use whereby numbers could be placed in them. However, a method has been found, and the Rising Sun Street Light Company have agreed to adjust such numbers and holders in the lanterns, the Department to furnish the numbers and holders. This would have been attended to last year, but owing to a lack of funds it was necessary to postpone work on the placing of these numbers until such time as sufficient funds were available.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES DONOVAN,

Superintendent of Lamps.

Placed on file.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, February 8, 1900, at 7.45 P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

The following message from the Mayor was received:

Appropriations and Tax Orders for 1900-1901.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 8, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: In submitting the annual budget I express satisfaction that the subject of estimates and appropriations goes to the city government proper, and I trust that good use will be made of the power vested in you, vindicating the cause of popular government. By passing the annual appropriation at a reasonably early day, after due consideration, and in a fair spirit, without logrolling and useless contention, the City Council will commend itself to public opinion, and the expediency of restoring a Board of Estimate and Apportionment will be avoided.

At best the City Council may introduce petty changes in the bill offered herewith, the amount available being limited by law, and imperatively required for expenditures not easily reduced. In fact the reasonable requirements of the public service, each item justified and demanded by sound policy, exceed the sum available for distribution. Your labor will not consist in favoring this or that department, but in finding out which items can be pared down with the least danger. It is idle to think that the sum of \$780,000 allotted for paving approaches

requirements; \$1,780,000 would be nearer the mark, but cannot be allowed for reasons of law. The tax limit laid down by the law makes a just appropriation bill impossible.

Attention is invited to the amounts required for interest and sinking-fund. The total in the present estimates is \$5,245,135. The requirements of the Metropolitan districts are not mentioned. Treating these as a debt requirement, which seems proper, perhaps, and adding items of a like nature, especially armory and grade-crossing loans ordered by the Commonwealth, the current financial year may witness an expense of fully \$6,000,000 by the City of Boston for interest and sinking-funds, to take care of what we owe and shall certainly pay. Our water debt calls for \$1,018,831. In addition we pay our share, to say the least, of the Metropolitan water debt. Last year this item was \$411,861.54.

I conclude that Boston cannot live properly within the tax limit laid down by the law, and that our debt has reached alarming proportions.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

Ordered, That to provide temporarily money to meet the appropriations aforesaid, the City Treasurer issue and sell, at such times and in such amounts as he may deem best, bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston, not exceeding \$7,000,000 in the total, in anticipation of the taxes of the current municipal year; that all such bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness be dated the day the money for the same is received, be made payable with the interest thereon at the office of the City Treasurer within the current municipal year, from the taxes of said year, and bear interest from their date until the same are made payable at such rate as said Treasurer shall deem proper.

Ordered, That all taxes raised to meet the appropriations of the City Council, and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the State tax of the year 1900, or of any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, be due and payable on the first day of October, 1900; that all such taxes paid after the first day of November, 1900, bear interest from and including said day until paid, at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum up to the first day of January, 1901, and at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum after and including said first day of January, except that taxes assessed upon shares of stock of national banks shall bear interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum from and including said first day of November until paid; and that all interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be a part of such taxes.

Ordered, That the City Auditor, from time to time, during the year, may, with the approval of the Mayor, make transfers within any department from the appropriation for current expenses of one division of a depart-

ment to the appropriation for current expenses of any other division of the same department; and may, with the further approval of the Committee on Finance, make transfers from the reserved fund to any appropriation for current expenses of a department; and that said Auditor may, with the approval of the Mayor, between December 1, 1900, and February 1, 1901, make transfers from any appropriation to any other appropriation, and apply any of the income and taxes not disposed of in closing the accounts for the financial year.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of February, 1900, of performing the duties and exercising the powers devolved by statute or ordinance, or by vote of the City Council during the year, upon the City of Boston or the County of Suffolk, or the departments or officers thereof, and to meet their respective obligations for interest on debt, sinking-fund requirements and maturing debt not provided for by sinking-fund, the respective sums of money hereinafter specified be, and the same are, hereby appropriated for the several departments, and for the objects and purposes hereinafter stated.

Ordered, That the appropriations for Water Department, current expenses, and the payments to the State under the provisions of Chapter 488 of the Acts of 1895 and acts in addition or amendment thereto, and for the interest and sinking-fund requirements for loans is-ued for water purposes, be met by the income from said works; that the other appropriations hereinafter specified be met out of the money remaining in the treasury at the close of business on January 31, 1900, exclusive of the money raised by loan or needed to carry out the requirements of any statute, gift, trust or special appropriation, and by the income of the financial year beginning February 1, 1900, and by taxes to the amount of \$10,794,110, and that said amount be raised by taxation on the polls and estates taxable in the City of Boston.

Ordered, That all sums of money which form no part of the income of the city, but shall be paid for services rendered or work done by any department or division for any other department or division, or for any person or corporation other than the City of Boston, be paid into the general treasury and then credited to the appropriation of the department or division rendering such service or doing such work, and that all contributions made to any appropriation be expended for the objects and purposes directed by the several contributors thereof.

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Art Department:	
Five hundred dollars . . .	\$500 00
Assessing Department:	
One hundred and fifty thousand dollars	150,000 00
Auditing Department:	
Forty-one thousand dollars . .	41,000 00
Bath Department:	
Seventy thousand dollars . .	70,000 00
Board of Aldermen:	
Twenty-six thousand one hundred dollars —	
Salaries	\$21,100
Contingent expenses	5,000
	<u>26,100 00</u>
Carried forward	\$287,600 00

Brought forward	\$287,600 00
Building Department:	
Ninety thousand dollars . .	90,000 00
Board of Appeal:	
Eighteen hundred dollars . .	1,800 00
Cemetery Department:	
Fifty thousand dollars . . .	50,000 00
City Clerk Department:	
Forty-five thousand dollars .	45,000 00
City Council:	
Twenty-five thousand dollars —	
Incidental expenses . \$5,000	
City Council proceedings	20,000
	<u>25,000 00</u>
City Debt Requirements:	
Four million and thirty-nine thousand six hundred and sixty dollars —	
Sinking-funds . \$1,826,593	
Interest	2,213,067
	<u>4,039,660 00</u>
City Messenger Department:	
Thirty-three thousand dollars	33,000 00
Clerk of Committees Department:	
Fourteen thousand one hundred and fifty dollars —	
Current expenses . \$14,000	
Reference Library	150
	<u>14,150 00</u>
Collecting Department:	
One hundred and five thousand dollars	105,000 00
Common Council:	
Twenty-nine thousand five hundred dollars —	
Salaries of Councilmen	\$22,500
Contingent expenses	2,000
Salaries of clerk and assistants	5,000
	<u>29,500 00</u>
Election Department:	
One hundred and thirty thousand dollars	130,000 00
Engineering Department:	
Eighty thousand dollars . .	80,000 00
Fire Department:	
One million one hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars —	
Current expenses, \$1,147,000	
Pensions	48,000
	<u>1,195,000 00</u>
Health Department:	
One hundred and forty-five thousand dollars	145,000 00
Hospital Department:	
Three hundred and ninety thousand dollars	390,000 00
Institutions:	
Children's Institutions Department:	
One hundred and seventy-one thousand dollars —	
Placing out and office division . \$90,000	
House of Reformation, Rainsford Island	40,000
Parental School	40,000
Marcella-street Home	1,000
	<u>171,000 00</u>
Insane Hospital Department:	
Three hundred and seventeen thousand dollars —	
Boston Insane Hospital	\$125,000
Insane in State Institutions	192,000
	<u>317,000 00</u>
Carried forward	\$7,148,710 00

Brought forward	\$7,148,710 00
Pauper Institutions Dept.:	
One hundred and thirty-four thousand dollars—	
Boston Almshouse and Hospital, Long Island . . .	\$106,000
Almshouse, Charlestown . .	15,000
Office expenses . . .	4,000
Pauper expenses . . .	1,500
Steamer "John Howard" . . .	7,500
	134,000 00
Institutions Registration Dept.:	
Twenty thousand dollars . . .	20,000 00
Steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee":	
Eighteen thousand five hundred dollars	18,500 00
Lamp Department:	
Six hundred and eighty thousand dollars	680,000 00
Law Department:	
Forty-two thousand five hundred dollars	42,500 00
Library Department:	
Two hundred and seventy thousand dollars	270,000 00
Market Department:	
Eight thousand three hundred dollars	8,300 00
Mayor:	
Sixty-three thousand eight hundred dollars—	
Mayor	\$35,000
Public Celebrations and Lectures—	
Patriots' Day, April 19, 1900 . . .	\$500
Memorial Day, May 30	8,200
Veteran Firemen's Memorial Day	400
June 17	4,500
July 4	11,000
Labor Day	1,200
Free lectures	3,000
	28,800
	63,800 00
Music Department:	
Ten thousand dollars	10,000 00
Overseeing of the Poor Dept.:	
One hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars	125,000 00
Park Department:	
One hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars	155,000 00
Police Department:	
One million six hundred and fifty thousand dollars—	
Current expenses, \$1,569,304	
Pensions	80,696
	1,650,000 00
Printing Department:	
Twenty-three thousand nine hundred dollars	23,900 00
Public Buildings Department:	
One hundred and sixty thousand dollars—	
General expenses, \$156,000	
Ambulance station, 4,000	
	160,000 00
Public Grounds Department:	
Ninety-five thousand dollars,	95,000 00
Registry Department:	
Thirty-one thousand five hundred dollars—	
Current expenses, \$28,500	
Printing Ancient Records	3,000
	31,500 00
Carried forward	\$10,636,210 00

Brought forward	\$10,636,210 00
Reserve Fund:	
For the payment of claims, executions, and court expenses of the several departments, and for transfers,	62,879 25
Sinking Funds Department:	
Twenty-five hundred dollars,	2,500 00
Soldiers' Relief Department:	
Two hundred and twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars	228,500 00
Statistics Department:	
Fifteen thousand five hundred dollars—	
General expenses . \$15,000	
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	15,500 00
Street Department:	
Two million six hundred and fifty-eight thousand five hundred dollars—	
Central Office . . . \$20,000	
Bridge Division . . . 173,000	
Cambridge Bridges Division	18,500
Ferry Division	237,000
Paving Division	780,000
Sanitary Division	600,000
Sewer Division	325,000
Street Cleaning Division	330,000
Watering Division	175,000
	2,658,500 00
Street Laying-out Department:	
Twenty-seven thousand dollars	27,000 00
Treasury Department:	
Forty-four thousand dollars	44,000 00
Weights and Measures Department:	
Twenty-three thousand dollars	23,000 00
Wire Department:	
Forty-five thousand dollars	45,000 00
Total for city expenses . . .	\$13,743,089 25
County of Suffolk:	
General expenses . \$720,000	
House of Correction, Deer Island	156,000
House of Correction, South Boston	84,000
Office expenses of Penitentiary Commissioner	22,000
	982,000
County Debt Requirements:	
Sinking fund and principal,	59,944
Interest	126,700
	186,644
	\$1,168,644 00
	\$14,911,733 25
Water Department:	
One million four hundred and eighteen thousand eight hundred and thirty-one dollars. (To be paid by water income.)	
Current expenses . \$400,000	
Debt Requirements:	
Sinking funds . \$206,489	
Interest	812,342
	1,018,831
	\$1,418,831 00

BASIS OF ESTIMATE.		
	1899-1900.	1900-1901.
\$6.15 on a thousand brings	\$5,993,396 00	
\$6.10 on a thousand brings		\$6,142,806 00
County tax exempted	425,000 00	425,000 00
Estimated income	3,416,833 00	4,117,623 25
	\$9,835,229 00	\$10,685,429 25
City debt for sinking-fund	2,074,655 00	1,826,593 00
Interest	1,940,014 88	2,213,067 00
County debt for sinking fund and principal,	60,439 00	59,944 00
Interest	127,210 00	126,700 00
	\$14,037,547 88	\$14,911,733 25

ESTIMATE OF INCOME, 1900-1901.	
Cemetery Department	\$22,000 00
City Clerk Department	6,000 00
Collecting Department	20,000 00
Fire Department	2,000 00
Health Department	6,000 00
Hospital Department	67,000 00
Institutions:	
Children's Institutions Department:	
House of Reformation	\$3,000
Parental School	3,000
Placing-out and Office Division	250
	6,250 00
Insane Hospital Department	16,000 00
Pauper Institutions Department	1,500 00
Interest	100,000 00
Library Department	5,000 00
Market Department	600 00
Overseeing of the Poor Department	15,200 00
Park Department	2,000 00
Police Department	20,000 00
Public Buildings, armories	10,000 00
Rents	100,000 00
Soldier's Relief	154,500 00
Street Department:	
Ferry Division	\$167,000
Paving Division	1,000
Sanitary Division	15,600
Sewer Division	120,000
Street-cleaning Division	8,000
Watering Division	175,000
	486,600 00
Weights and Measures Department	5,000 00
County of Suffolk	180,000 00
Corporation tax	1,000,000 00
Liquor license revenue	1,100,000 00
Water revenue, surplus	400,000 00
Street railway tax	230,000 00
Cash in treasury January 31, 1900	161,973 25
	\$4,117,623 25

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations when appointed.

APPOINTMENT OF PURCHASING AGENT.

Superintendent of Streets Wheeler on February 8, 1900, appointed Mr. Paul Dean, of Ward 10, Purchasing Agent of the Street Department to succeed Mr. William J. Smith.

IMMIGRATION DURING JANUARY

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston from trans-Atlantic ports during the month ending January 31, 1900:

RACE.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
English	91	50	41
Finnish	32	24	8
French	1	1	—
German	5	4	1
Hebrew	6	5	1
Irish	56	33	23
Polish	8	4	4
Russian	1	1	—
Scandinavian	58	36	22
Scotch	15	8	7
Total	273	166	107
Tourists or passengers en route	25	—	—
Total immigration for January, 1900	298	—	—

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS. — STATES AND TERRITORIES.

North Atlantic Division —	
Maine	2
New Hampshire	9
Vermont	1
Massachusetts	183
Rhode Island	24
Connecticut	1
New York	16
New Jersey	3
Pennsylvania	3
Total	242
South Atlantic Division —	
Florida	1
Total	1
North Central Division —	
Ohio	1
Illinois	11
Michigan	4
Wisconsin	4
Minnesota	7
Total	27
Western Division —	
Colorado	1
Utah	1
California	1
Total	3
RECAPITULATION.	
North Atlantic Division	242
South Atlantic Division	1
North Central Division	27
Western Division	3
Total	273

A bill to prohibit the racing of horses in the streets of any city in the Commonwealth of over 50,000 inhabitants for the purpose of exhibiting such horses for sale, has been presented to the Legislature.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, December 26, 1899.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending December 23, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.							
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		New Buildings.	Alterations.	First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.								
1...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—
2...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	2
3...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	3
4...	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4
5...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	3
6...	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	5	6	5	—	30
7...	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	5	8	6	—	40
8...	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	6	1	12	—	20
9...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	4	—	16
10...	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	2	4	6	—	24
11...	1	—	—	1	2	—	—	4	6	16	—	16
12...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	—	20
13...	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	2
14...	2	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	5	—	—	5
15...	—	2	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	—	—	5
16...	—	1	1	—	—	2	2	1	4	—	—	2
17...	—	8	—	—	—	—	1	1	10	—	—	9
18...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	10
19...	2	—	—	1	—	2	—	9	7	—	—	12
20...	5	4	1	—	—	4	3	7	12	—	—	16
21...	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	5	—	—	22
22...	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
23...	3	—	—	—	—	2	—	3	9	—	—	3
24...	2	—	5	—	—	4	4	2	14	—	—	6
25...	3	4	—	—	—	3	4	6	3	—	—	12
T'ls.	20	39	7	2	3	21	48	62	130	—	—	284

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, February 5, 1900.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending February 3, 1900:

Number of chattel mortgages	125
Number of discharges of mortgages	27
Number of assignments of mortgages	3
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	1
Number of bills of sale	8
Number of assignments of wages	55
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	5
Number of married women's certificates	13

An accident notice was filed January 29 by Anna Jaquith, for personal injuries, caused by ice on sidewalk at 697 Harrison avenue.

J. M. GALVIN,

City Clerk pro tempore.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, February 5, 1900.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending February 3, 1900, as follows:

James F. Ryan has been appointed senior hoseman of Engine Company 7.

Fire-alarm Box 698 and a gong have been placed in the City Marshal's office, Chelsea.

James E. Shea, of Engine Company 10, has been fined two weeks' pay for absence without leave.

Lieut. W. M. McLean, of Engine Company 8, has been granted a veteran's certificate for seven successive years' service in this Department.

There has been deposited with the City Collector cash received for the sale of old material from the repair-shop, \$295.69, and \$8 for rent.

There have been purchased of Welch & Hall three horses for \$145 each. An order has been drawn on C. T. Holloway & Co. for two thirty-five-gallon tanks for spare combination truck, \$485.

Orders for three months' supply of hay, grain and straw have been drawn as follows: Carstensen Brothers, District 1—Hay at \$16.50 and straw at \$15.50 per ton.

Scott & Paine, Districts 2 to 9, inclusive—Hay at \$16.50 and straw at \$15.50 per ton. Samuel Gannett, District 10—Hay at \$16.50, straw at \$16 and "H-O" feed at \$21 per ton.

J. Loring & Co., District 11—Hay at \$16.50, straw at \$15.50 and "H-O" feed at \$21 per ton.

W. P. Whittemore, District 12—Hay at \$16.50, straw at \$16 and "H-O" feed at \$21 per ton.

The following transfers have been made: J. F. Boutlier, Ladder 8 to Chemical Company 2; H. J. Power, Chemical Company 2 to Ladder Company 14; George W. Darling, Engine Company 1 to Tower Company 2; M. A. Murphy, Tower Company 2 to Engine Company 1; John M. Sullivan, Engine Company 23 to Combination Company 3; John G. Goff, Engine Company 24 to Engine Company 23; J. Lunny, Ladder Company 14 to Ladder Company 8; William E. McKeever, Engine 26-35 to Engine Company 37; V. P. McGuire, Engine Company 37 to Engine Company 26-35.

B. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, January 27, 1900.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been rejected:

William B. Cunningham, 465 River street, Ward 24; John Fottler, jr., 206 Norfolk street, Ward 24; S. H. Whitwell, Dalton street, Ward 10.

The petition of J. S. and B. S. Ferguson, for the occupancy of a stable on 86 Fellows street, Ward 17, for 125 horses, has been granted.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending January 27, 1900:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	38	56	94
Negative	120	77	197
No growth	1	2	3
Totals	159	135	294

Typhoid diagnoses: Seven cases; one case positive, five cases negative and one case atypical. Knee examination: One case streptococci.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, February 5, 1900.

Statistics for the week ending February 3, 1900:

Cases pending	—	
Number of applications	84	
	—	84
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse, Tewks-		
bury	53	
Long Island Almshouse	12	
Observation Hospital,		
Deer Island	1	
Boston Insane Hospital	4	
Danvers Insane Hospital	1	
Westboro' Insane Hospi-		
tal	1	
Worcester Insane Hospi-		
tal	3	
Foxboro' Asylum	2	
Epileptic Hospital	1	
	—	78
Number of applications re-		
fused	2	
Number of applications with-		
drawn	4	
	—	84
Settlements investigated		97
Settlements reported to the		
Trustees for Children		10

W. T. SEDGWICK, Registrar.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, January 17, 1900.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the two weeks ending January 13, 1900:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISION.

Inspections made	784
Defects reported	86
Defects corrected	52
Notices of new work received	47
Feet of dead wire removed	11,300
Feet of dead wire retained	140
Fixtures removed	12
Poles set	119

The proposed pole locations for the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company have been selected and approved on Lauriat avenue, Dorchester.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	511
Notices of new work received	228

The temporary wiring at the various theatres has been inspected, and at two of them changes were ordered made.

An investigation has been made of the slight fire which occurred at the building of the Hancock Inspirator Company, Watson street, late in the afternoon of January 6.

Investigations have also been made of the fire which occurred at 63 Warrenton

street, January 8; of the fire at 408 Washington street on January 3, and of the fire at 500 Washington street on the morning of January 5.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Building connections	6
Pole connections	1

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	6
Building connections	24
Pole connections	9
Lamp connections	4
Repairs	4
Cable drawings	58
Underground transformers	28

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	621
Feet of duct laid	3,875
Feet of cable drawn in	134,643
Service connections made	37
Manholes built	6

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

Awards of Contracts.

Street Department.

Proposals for furnishing iron castings were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on Thursday, February 8, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids. Per 100 Pounds.
The Sessions Foundry Company	\$1 55
Osgood & Hart	1 80
Mechanics Iron Foundry Company	2 54

The contract was awarded to the Sessions Foundry Company.

B. T. WHEELER,
Superintendent of Streets.

Water Department.

Proposals for furnishing small iron castings were opened at the office of the Water Commissioner, February 8, 1900, as follows:

BIDDERS.	*600,000 lbs. No. 1. Per lb. Cents.	*100,000 lbs. No. 2. Per lb. Cents.	Bids.
Mechanics Iron Foundry Com'ny,	298-100	274-100	\$20,620
Sessions Foundry Company	255-100	160-100	16,900
Osgood & Hart.	250-100	2	17,000

* Approximate estimate.

The contract was awarded to the Sessions Foundry Company, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

W. E. SWAN, Secretary.

Dr Campbell, an assistant in the veterinary service of the Street Department, has sent in his resignation to Superintendent of Streets Wheeler.

Board Meetings.

Library Department.

Friday, February 2, 1900.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, DeNormandie, Bowditch, Dwight and Lincoln.

Received: The Librarian's report.

The Librarian was authorized to employ additional extra assistance at the Roxbury branch for a period of four weeks at \$5. per week.

An instrument authorizing and empowering Otto Fleischner, the Assistant Librarian, and Samuel A. Chevalier and Theodore W. Cellarius of the Library, to attend to all custom-house matters for the Library was approved and signed.

Service changes: Edward B. Hunt, appointed chief of the catalogue and shelf departments, salary \$2,500 per year beginning February 1; Oscar A. Bierstadt, custodian of Bates Hall, salary \$3,000 per year, beginning February 1.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$347.56; to trust funds, \$423.40; to Fellowes Atheneum, \$15; to Station "P," \$12.50; miscellaneous articles, \$303.60.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, January 15, 1900.

The sixty-seventh regular meeting of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Monday, January 15, 1900, at 10.30 A.M.

Present: Mrs. Lincoln, Miss Morse, Mr. Rutan, Mr. Pettingill, Dr. Grainger and Mr. Hunnewell.

Voted, That the Board confirm the action of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds and the Finance Committee in authorizing the work on the coal bunkers, dynamo foundation and extra valves, for the new power-house at Long Island.

Voted, That the action of the Chairman, in authorizing the Superintendent to employ one engineer for the new power-house at Long Island for one week be confirmed.

A communication from the Mayor, under date of January 12, was read, requesting that wages and salaries in the Pauper Department be established at the same rate which obtained previous to any changes made on or after December 1, 1899.

Two reports of the Finance Committee were read and approved.

A report of the Committee on Medical Department and Dietary was read and approved.

Dr. Thorndike, of the visiting medical staff, had reported to the Committee, recommending that the services of an assistant physician are needed and should be secured at once.

The Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds reported that he had authorized the purchase of an omnibus for use at Long Island, the cost to be \$275.

The Chairman of the Committee on Registration and Special Cases reported an informal meeting between the Committee and representatives of the Children's Trustees.

The Committee on the Annual Report reported that Mr. John Koren, of the Institutions Registration Department, had been consulted, and had expressed his willingness to offer criticism of former reports, statistical tables, etc.

The following appointments at the monthly salaries stated were confirmed:

Henry M. Cochran, carpenter, \$40; Samuel C. Dunn, night watchman, \$25; Helen Clark, matron, \$25; Catherine Howard, ward-maid, \$12; Mary Cowen, ward-maid, \$12; Mabel J. Harris, probationer, \$10; Catherine McColough, probationer, \$10.

A letter from the Superintendent of Long Island was read, stating that the exact amount saved by the recent purchase of supplies in advance of actual requirement, is \$1,026. The amount of this saving is likely to be increased before the goods are consumed.

Voted, That a special meeting of the Board be called for Monday, January 22, at 12 M., to open proposals for beef, mutton and fish. (See THE CITY RECORD, No 6, page 77.)

The Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse came before the Board and stated the need of an extra man at the Almshouse. The Superintendent suggested that a boy be hired for general inside work at the Almshouse, to assist in the care of the store-room, at a salary of about \$15 per month.

Voted, That the Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse have authority to engage a boy as stated above, at a salary of \$15 per month.

The Superintendent of Long Island came before the Board.

In order that there should be no delay in the appointment of any physician whom the visiting medical staff might recommend, it was

Voted, That the Superintendent of Long Island be authorized to engage temporarily a second medical assistant, at a salary of \$40 per month.

The Superintendent reported the need of one additional engineer and one fireman, or two engineers, at Long Island, because it is now necessary to run the steam plant in the new power-house as well as the plant in the old buildings. The Architectural Department had reported that it would not be safe to attempt to move the old boilers or to make all connections until warm weather.

Voted, That the Superintendent of Long Island have authority to engage two additional engineers at a salary of \$35 per month each.

Regarding the accommodations for officers, the Superintendent reported that six men are at present sleeping in an open ward. He presented a plan for turning the upper story of one section of the men's building into seven sleeping rooms.

Voted, That the Superintendent of Long Island have authority to complete these rooms and to purchase furniture for them at an expense not exceeding \$140.

The Superintendent also reported that it might be necessary to hire from three to five men for two or three days to cut ice.

Voted, That the Superintendent of Long Island be authorized to employ temporary service of any kind for a period not exceeding

one week, to meet the needs of an emergency.

The census of inmates at Long Island on January 13, 1900, was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In Hospital:			
Adults	74	129	203
Children	10	7	17
Women's building	-	197	197
Men's building	221	-	221
Totals	305	333	638

WALTER HUNNEWELL,

Secretary pro tempore.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that an examination will be held in this city on March 6, 1900, for the position of buoy colorist (male), United States coast and geodetic survey, at a salary of \$720 per annum. Age limits, twenty years and not over thirty-five years.

The Commission also announces an examination for square letter engraver, Bureau of Printing and Engraving, to be held on March 1, 1900.

No educational test will be given in connection with this examination, applicants being graded upon the character and degree of excellence of the samples of engraving submitted. This position commands a salary of \$70 per month.

Application forms and information concerning these examinations can be obtained from E. E. Stebbins, Secretary Board of Civil Service Examiners, Room 141, Post Office building, Boston.

INVESTIGATION RELATIVE TO STATE PRINTING.

The following was introduced in the House of Representatives on February 1 on the petition of the Boston Typographical Union and referred to the Committee on Printing:

Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of eight members of the House, and such as the Senate may join, be appointed to sit during the recess of the Legislature to investigate the relative merits of the existing system of doing the printing of the State as compared with the system of State ownership, and the operation of a State printing plant.

Said committee shall be furnished a room in the State House, shall be furnished with stationery and postage by the Sergeant-at-Arms, may send for persons and papers, shall report in print to the next General Court on or before the second Wednesday in January, and shall be paid such compensation as shall be determined by the Governor and Council.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending February 10, 1900, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	20.2
Death rate for corresponding week, 1899	21.9
Number of deaths:	
Males	112
Females	103
Total	215
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1899	229
Decrease	14

Of the 215 decedents, 211 were white and 4 colored; 141 were born in the United States, 73 in foreign countries and the birthplace of 1 was unknown; 46 were of American parentage, 147 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 22 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	114	14
Scarlatina	53	8
Typhoid fever	7	3
Measles	52	1
Totals	226	26

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	29
Pneumonia	28
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	22
Bronchitis	5
Marasmus	5
Violent causes	9

Total from principal causes	100
Total from infectious diseases	26
Total from other causes	89

Total from all causes 215

Deaths of children under 1 year	36
Deaths of children under 5 years	71
Deaths of persons over 60 years	39
Deaths in public institutions	55

ELECTION OF CITY CLERK.

At its meeting Monday, February 12, 1900, the Board of Aldermen elected Edward J. Donovan City Clerk, in concurrence with the Common Council, by the following vote:

For Edward J. Donovan — Aldermen Bowen, Day, Dixon, Doyle, Gerry, Jordau, Norris, M. J. O'Brien, P. O'Brien and Tinkham — 10.

For Frank J. O'Toole — Aldermen Adams, Codman and Norton — 3.

ELECTION OF CLERK OF COMMITTEES AND CITY MESSENGER.

At its meeting held Thursday evening, February 8, 1900, the Common Council in concurrence with the Board of Aldermen re-elected John F. Dever Clerk of Committees and Edward J. Leary City Messenger for the year 1900.

LECTURES AT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Trustees of the Public Library have issued the following notice to the public:

The Trustees of the Boston Public Library, recognizing the position occupied by the institution in the educational system of the city, and desiring to render the Library in every way worthy to be known as "the poor man's university," are considering the desirability of establishing a short course of free lectures designed to set forth, more fully than can be done in printed documents, the facilities afforded by the Library for studies in various directions.

It is intended that these lectures shall be delivered during the months of March and April, 1900, partly by the officers in charge of the various departments of the Library and partly by citizens whose occupations have led them to appreciate the value of the privileges offered by the Library to the scholar as well as to the general reader.

The Trustees hold that the true end of education is the formation of character, that the expenditure of public money for educational purposes is justified mainly on the ground that the welfare of the State is dependent upon the character of its citizens, and that there is no better method of inculcating the civic virtues than the study of the lives of those citizens who have deserved well of the city and of the State.

The proposed course of lectures will therefore probably be supplemented by biographical sketches of eminent Bostonians whose lives have afforded valuable lessons for coming generations.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, February 13, 1900.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing bank gravel and sand from March 1, 1900, to February 1, 1901, according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent in the sum of \$2,000 for faithfully doing the work and leave at said office on or before 12 M., of Tuesday, February 20, 1900, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

B. T. WHEELER, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, February 13, 1900.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing crosswalk flagging from March 1, 1900, to February 1, 1901, according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent in the sum of \$2,000 for faithfully doing the work and leave at said office on or before 12 M., of Monday, February 26, 1900, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

B. T. WHEELER, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Boston, February 14, 1900.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to submit proposals to him at his office, 50 City Hall, Boston, Mass., before 12 M. of Monday, February 26, 1900, for widening the opening for the passage of vessels at Chelsea bridge, North, in accordance with plans and specifications to be seen at said office. Proposals must be made on the forms to be provided, and must be accompanied by a certified check for one thousand (1,000) dollars payable to the City of Boston; this check to be the property of the City if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal. The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named place and time, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

February 7, 1900.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 35 Porter street, Ward, 2 one bay-window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Porter street. Dimensions: twenty-one feet high, ten feet wide, and two feet six inches over line of street.

JOHN SHERIDAN.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

February 12, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of February, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the East Boston Free Press and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk pro tem.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk pro tem.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

February 10, 1900.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 775 Dorchester avenue, Ward 16, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Dorchester avenue. Dimensions: Twenty-two feet high, twelve feet wide, and three feet over line of street.

JOHN F. GRADY,

Per PATRICK A. TRACY.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

February 12, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of February, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk pro tem.

Attest: J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk pro tem.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, February 13, 1900.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing beach gravel from March 1, 1900, to February 1, 1901, according to the office copy of the contract which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent in the sum of \$3,000 for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office on or before 12 M. of Tuesday, February 20, 1900, his bid and a certified check for \$500, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

B. T. WHEELER, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, February 13, 1900.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for furnishing five hundred thousand (500,000) gutter blocks, equal in quality to the best Cape Ann, Maine, New Hampshire or Quincy granite, according to the office copy of the contract, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond satisfactory to said Superintendent in the sum of \$10,000 for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office on or before 12 M., of Monday, February 26, 1900, his bid and a certified check for \$1,000, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

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B. T. WHEELER, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, February 13, 1900.

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LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

The following bills concerning the City of Boston have been introduced in the Massachusetts Legislature, and have been referred to appropriate committees:

In the Senate.

Senate Bill No. 6 accompanies the petition of James Means and others that they may be incorporated as the Boston and Brockton Electric Freight Company; referred to the Committee on Street Railways. It is entitled:

An Act to Incorporate the Boston and Brockton Electric Freight Company.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. James Means, Moses A. Packard, Charles C. Merritt, William H. McElwain and James J. Dowd, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation under the name of the Boston and Brockton Electric Freight Company, for the purpose of owning, operating, and maintaining freight cars and freight motors, and of the transportation of goods, wares and merchandisc over certain electric railways of Massachusetts.

Sect. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed \$150,000, of which sum \$25,000 in cash shall be paid into the

treasury before said corporation shall begin the transaction of business.

Sect. 3. The capital stock of said corporation may be increased from time to time in accordance with the provisions and requirements of the general law controlling the issue of capital stock so far as they relate to street railway corporations.

Sect. 4. Said corporation is hereby authorized to run cars and motors over the lines hereinafter mentioned during such hours of each day, and at such speed as may be authorized by the Board of Aldermen or Selectmen of the cities and towns through which the cars pass, and such Board of Aldermen and Selectmen shall have power to establish such regulations in reference to the operation of the business of said corporation as are provided for street railways by Chapter 113 of the Public Statutes so far as they apply to said corporation.

Sect. 5. The provisions of this act shall apply to the following line of street railways: Beginning at the most northerly end of Atlantic avenue in the City of Boston, thence by the shortest line of street railway now constructed to Neponset bridge, thence by the line of the Quincy and Boston Street Railway to Holbrook, thence by the Brockton Street Railway to Brockton, and thence through said Brockton over the Main street line of said company to its southern terminus at Campello.

Sect. 6. Said corporation may for the aforesaid purposes enter into hauling contracts with the corporations owning the street railways herein specified, and may buy the right to take electricity from their trolley wires; but in case of a disagreement in regard to the price of this right to take electricity from said wires there shall be no appeal.

If the price cannot be agreed upon, said Boston and Brockton Electric Freight Company is hereby authorized to use independent motors and motor cars.

Sect. 7. Said corporation may, within its authorized limits, and for the purposes of this act, enter upon and use any part of the tracks of any street railroad within the limits defined in this act, and if the corporations cannot agree upon the manner and conditions of such entry and use, or the compensation to be paid therefor, the same shall be determined in the same manner as that provided for street railway companies by the provisions of the fiftieth section of Chapter 113 of the Public Statutes.

Sect. 8. Said corporation shall have power to make and collect such charges for the transportation of freight as it may from time to time deem expedient; provided, that said charges shall at all times be subject to the general laws covering the transportation of

freight by steam railroads so far as the same may be applicable thereto.

Sect. 9. Said corporation shall be subject to the restrictions and liabilities now imposed upon street railway companies by general law, so far as the same are applicable thereto; and shall also be liable to any or all of the companies over whose tracks its cars are run, for any damages arising through the negligence of its agents or servants, or for any damages to the property of any or all of said companies arising on account of operating said freight cars and motors on the lines of said company or companies; provided, that in cases where there is no negligence on the part of the Boston and Brockton Electric Freight Company, or its agents or servants, then if the damages cannot be agreed upon, they shall be determined by the Board of Railroad Commissioners, after due hearing upon petition of either party; and their award shall be final.

Sect. 10. Said corporation may lease or purchase land along the line where its cars are operated, for the purpose of constructing thereon buildings, shops, stations and car-houses which may be necessary, or for the convenience of the public, in carrying on the business of said corporation; and said corporation shall have the right to build spur tracks to connect said land with the main line, and it shall also have the right to build side tracks and turn-outs and to strengthen the main lines over which its cars are operated; provided, that all such work of laying tracks and strengthening the road-bed shall be done subject to the approval of the street railway company owning the main line where such improvements are to be made; and subject also to the approval of the Selectmen of the towns, or the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the cities wherein such improvements are to be made.

Sect. 11. The corporate powers conferred by this act shall cease unless within two years from the date of its passage said corporation shall be actively engaged in business under the powers conferred hereby.

Sect. 12. This act shall take affect upon its passage.

Senate Bill No. 84 accompanies the petition of Charles H. Innes for legislation to enlarge the powers of the School Committee of the City of Boston; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Power of the School Committee of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The School Committee of the City of Boston shall have authority under Chapter 53 of the Acts of the year 1877, to receive and to hold all sums of money, and real and

personal estate, which has heretofore or may hereafter be given, granted, bequeathed or devised for the benefit of teachers of the City of Boston.

Senate Bill No. 86 accompanies the petition of William H. Lott for legislation relative to the Assessors of the City of Boston; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Assessors of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Assessors of the City of Boston shall be three in number and shall be appointed by the Mayor of said city, subject after the expiration of one week to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen, one to be appointed for the term of one year, one for the term of two years, one for the term of three years, and as the term of each expires one to be appointed for the term of three years, the terms of the first three beginning with the first day of May in the current year and the term of every other Assessor beginning with the first day of May of the year in which the term of the Assessor whom he succeeds expires.

Said Assessors shall constitute a Board, and shall have charge of the Assessing Department of said city and shall appoint at least forty first assistant assessors, each to have charge of an assessment district, and such assistant assessors, not less than two for each Assessor, and such other employees as the Board may determine; and all acts relating to departments of said city and the officers and employees thereof, and all acts relating to Assessors of towns or cities, and all special acts relating to Assessors of the City of Boston, so far as applicable and not inconsistent with this act, shall apply to said Assessors and said Department.

Section 2. Each of said Assessors shall have charge of an assessment district and shall be provided with an office therein in which he shall daily conduct the business assigned to him by the Board, and shall have associated with him and under his direction a clerk and at least two second assistant assessors and such other employees as the Board may determine; and there shall be allowed and paid for salaries and expenses of said Department during the current year such sum as the Board shall deem necessary and the Mayor shall approve, and for every year thereafter such sum as the City Council shall appropriate.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Senate Bill No. 90 accompanies the petition of John A. Keliher for legislation providing for nominating Senators in Suffolk County by direct plurality vote; referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. All nominations of candidates for Senators in the several Suffolk districts, to be made by a political party which at the preceding State election polled for Governor 3 percent. of the entire votes cast in the State for that office, shall be made only by direct plurality vote at party cau-

ses held in the several wards and towns in which the candidates are to be voted for at the election thereof; and all provisions of law relating to caucuses and elections and to the votes cast therein not inconsistent herewith shall apply to caucuses for the nominations of officers aforesaid and to the votes cast at such caucuses.

Section 2. The names of candidates for Senator to be voted for at such caucuses shall be printed on a separate ballot in all wards and towns other than Boston, and all ballots and returns for such candidates shall be returned to the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston as ballots and returns of elections in said city are returned.

Section 3. The Board of Election Commissioners of said city shall have the same powers and perform the same duties in relation to the counting, tabulating and determining the results of the votes cast at the caucuses for the nomination of such candidates as they have in relation to the votes cast at elections in the several precincts of said city, shall certify and file with the Secretary of the Commonwealth certificates of nomination of all candidates for Senator nominated as aforesaid; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall place on the official ballots to be used at State elections the names of all candidates for Senator certified to as aforesaid.

Section 4. In the City of Boston, and in such cities and towns in Suffolk County as have adopted the provisions of Chapter 507 of the Acts of 1895, nomination papers for the nomination of a candidate for Senator to be voted for at a caucus shall contain the signatures of not less than fifty registered voters of the Senatorial district wherein the nomination is to be made, and members of the political party whose caucus is to be held.

Section 5. The member of the State committee for each Suffolk Senatorial district shall hereafter be selected by the delegates elected to attend the annual State convention of such political party who are residents of such district or substitutes for such residents.

Section 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Senate Bill No. 103 accompanies the petition of Arthur A. Maxwell, that the City of Boston may be authorized to incur indebtedness outside the debt limits for the purpose of completing the Stony brook improvements; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Improvement of Stony Brook in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City Treasurer of the City of Boston, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor of said city shall issue bonds of said city to a total amount not exceeding dollars, not more than \$350,000 of which shall be issued in any one year, and this sum shall not be considered in determining the debt limit of said city. The proceeds of the bonds so issued shall be used for the extension and completion of the improvement of the channel of Stony brook in said city.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Senate Bill No. 117 accompanies the petition of the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston for authority to transfer the Harris collection of books from the Charlestown Public Library to the Central

Library building, taken from the files of last year; referred to the Committee on Libraries. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Bequest of the late Charlotte Harris to the Charlestown Public Library.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston are hereby authorized to keep in the Central Library building in the City of Boston, all books heretofore or that may hereafter be purchased under the legacy in the will of the late Charlotte Harris to the Charlestown Public Library; but nothing herein contained shall authorize anything to be done contrary to the terms of said will.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

In the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 2 accompanies the petition of George S. Mumford; referred to the Committee on Banks and Banking. It is entitled:

An Act to Incorporate the City Trust Company.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Charles F. Adams, 2d, Gordon Dexter, Frederic J. Bradlee, Reginald Gray, Henry P. King, George S. Mumford, Richard M. Saltonstall, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of the City Trust Company, with authority to establish and maintain a safe deposit, loan and trust company in the City of Boston, with all the powers and privileges and subject to all the duties, liabilities and restrictions set forth in all general laws which now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 587 accompanies the petition of Horace K. Osborne; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Provide for the Construction of an Esplanade on Charles River.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston shall construct and complete an esplanade on Charles river, between Cambridge street and Massachusetts avenue, and said Board may take in fee any lands which they may deem necessary to enable them to carry out the provisions of this act. Said esplanade shall not exceed fifty feet in width, except at the angle in said river near the Union Boat Club-house, where a sufficient curve may be constructed, and no buildings shall be erected on said esplanade.

Section 2. The said Commissioners may expend for the purposes of constructing said esplanade a sum of money not exceeding \$500,000.

Section 3. The cost of constructing said esplanade shall be paid one-fourth by the abutters on said esplanade and three-fourths by said City of Boston.

Section 4. The Treasurer of said City of Boston shall from time to time, on request of the Mayor, issue bonds of said city for the purpose aforesaid, and the same shall not be taken into account in determining the debt

limit of said city, said bonds to run for a term of fifty years, and said city shall pay in each and every year to a sinking-fund to be created for the purpose of retiring said bonds 2 per cent. per annum of the amount said city is to pay. The cost assessed on the abutters on said esplanade shall be assessed pro rata according to the number of linear feet on said river belonging to each person. Where streets belonging to said city shall end at said river the said city shall be considered as an abutter and shall pay in addition to the three-fourths aforesaid their proportionate part as abutters.

Sect. 5. Said Park Commissioners shall assess one-fourth of the cost of constructing said esplanade on the abutters thereof, the same to be a lien on said abutting land until the same is paid, and said city may collect the same by the same process as is now pursued in the collection of taxes.

Sect. 6. Upon the completion of said esplanade said Park Commissioners shall keep and maintain in repair said esplanade and roadway adjoining the same, and shall file with the City Treasurer a certificate setting forth the cost of said esplanade, together with the names of said abutters and the amount of the assessment or charge to be paid by each and referring to a plan of the said esplanade on file in their office, which plan shall show the frontage, the name of the owner and the amount of assessment on each estate abutting on said river.

Sect. 7. For the purpose of constructing said esplanade material may be taken from the bed of said river sufficient for the purpose.

Sect. 8. On the written request of any abutter made within three months of the notification of his assessment, the Treasurer of the City of Boston may apportion such assessment or charge into such number of annual payments not exceeding five as said abutter shall state in such request and he shall then collect such assessments accordingly. Interest shall be charged on such sums remaining unpaid at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the payment at any time in one payment, notwithstanding its prior apportionment, of any balance on any assessment or assessments then remaining unpaid, but interest shall be paid on said balance at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum to the date of such payment.

Sect. 9. The assessment or charge aforesaid shall constitute a lien upon the estate, which shall continue for two years after such certificate is made and filed and demand made as provided aforesaid, and said assessment, together with interest at 5 per cent. per annum may, with incidental costs and expenses, be levied by sale of such estate or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to discharge the assessment and intervening charges. If the assessment is not paid within three months after the service of said notice, or if apportioned within three months after any portion or part has become due, such sale and all proceedings connected therewith shall be conducted in the same manner as sales for the non-payment of taxes and in the same manner. Such assessment or part thereof may also be collected by an action of contract in the name of the City of Boston as against the owner of such

estate brought at any time within two years after the same has become due.

Sect. 10. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 600 accompanies the petition of Charles S. Sullivan and another; referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Appointment of Court Officers in the Municipal Courts in the County of Suffolk.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The provisions of Chapter 457 of the Acts of the year 1895 are hereby extended and made applicable to each of the other municipal courts in the County of Suffolk, and the powers and duties conferred by said acts upon the justices of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston shall be exercised and performed so far as each of the said other municipal courts is concerned by the standing justice thereof.

Sect. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 639 was introduced on leave by Mr. McNary of Boston; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Direct the Boston Transit Commission to widen Pleasant Street in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Boston Transit Commission shall widen Pleasant street in the City of Boston between Washington street and Shawmut avenue to such width and on such lines that the same shall be as nearly as possible a continuation of Broadway in said city.

Sect. 2. The Treasurer of the City of Boston shall from time to time, on the request of said Commission, issue and sell at public or private sale, bonds, registered or with interest coupon attached, as he may deem best, in the name and behalf of said city, to an amount not exceeding dollars. Said bonds shall be designated on their face, Rapid Transit Loan, shall be for the term of forty years, and at rates of interest not exceeding $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. per annum, as said Treasurer shall determine, payable semi-annually. The debt incurred under the provisions of this section shall not be included in determining the limit of indebtedness of said city. The proceeds of said bonds shall be used to meet all damages, costs and expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of Section 1 of this act by said Commission.

House Bill No 676 accompanies the petition of Harvey W. Walker; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Establish and Maintain an Industrial School.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston is hereby empowered to establish and maintain, or contribute to the establishment and maintenance of an institution, the object of which shall be to give practical instruction in industrial occupations and their allied arts and sciences.

House Bill No. 687 accompanies the petition of Joseph E. Buswell; referred to the Committee on Liquor Law. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Number of Liquor Licenses which may be Issued by Cities and Towns.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. At the annual municipal and town elections of the cities and towns of the Commonwealth, excluding the City of Boston, there shall be placed upon the official ballot, to be voted upon, the following question: Shall licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors be unlimited?

Sect. 2. In case a city or town votes to issue licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, and in case also the aforesaid question is answered in the affirmative by a majority of the voters voting thereon in such city or town, then licenses to sell intoxicating liquors in such city or town shall not be limited by the laws in force at the time of the said election in respect to the number of licenses to sell intoxicating liquors that may be granted by cities and towns.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 693 accompanies the petition of Andrew J. Bailey; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Parks, Parkways and Boulevards of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The extreme height to which buildings may be erected upon any parkway, boulevard or public way on which a park borders shall be seventy feet exclusive of such roofs, steeples, towers, domes, cornices, parapets, balustrades, sculptured ornaments, chimneys and ventilators as the Board of Park Commissioners of said city may approve, and any person injured in his property by any limitation as to the height or appearance of any such building under authority of this act may have his damages determined therefor in the same manner as damages for the taking of land for highways in said city are determined, and costs shall be taxed and execution shall be issued as in civil cases.

Sect. 2. Said Board may in the manner and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 462 of the Acts of the year 1893 establish a building line at any point not more than twenty-five feet distant from any boundary line of a parkway, boulevard or public way on which a park borders.

Sect. 3. Said Board of Park Commissioners shall have power to plant trees, place seats, standpipes, drinking-fountains and works of art on any boundary road of any public park or in any parkway or boulevard now or hereafter placed under the charge of said Board or any part of a connection with such road, parkway or boulevard within the distance of five hundred feet therefrom, and may establish reasonable rules and regulations relating to such roads, parkways, boulevards and parts of ways and to the displaying of advertisements and to the height and character of fences placed upon land abutting upon any public park, parkway, boulevard or part of way.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House bill No. 723 accompanies the petition of Thomas N. Hart; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

An Act relative to Back Street in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City Engineer of the City of Boston, with the consent of the Boston and Roxbury Mill Corporation, may grade and cover with asphalt or other material Back street in the City of Boston, from Brimmer street to the sluiceway, so called, or any part thereof, and may place and maintain a fence upon the wall supporting said street or any part thereof; provided, however, that no expense shall be incurred in carrying out said improvement until the City Council of said city shall appropriate sufficient money to pay the expense of any work to be done, as estimated by said City Engineer, and that the doing of said work shall not render the city liable for any defect or want of repair in said street or fence.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 772 accompanies the petition of Albert Geiger and others; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Construction of Tenement Houses in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 24 of Chapter 419 of the Acts of the year 1892, as amended by Section 3 of Chapter 413 of the Acts of the year 1897, and by Section 1 of Chapter 228 of the Acts of the year 1898, is hereby amended by adding after the words "every tenement or lodging-house" in the seventh line, the words "more than four stories in height," so as to read as follows:

Section 24. Every building hereafter erected over seventy feet in height shall be a first class building, and this provision shall apply to all buildings hereafter increased in height to over seventy feet. Every building hereafter erected or enlarged, or converted to use as a hotel, shall be a first class building, and every tenement or lodging-house, more than four stories in height, hereafter erected, shall be a first class building. Every permanent building hereafter erected as a school-house within the building limits shall be a first class building.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 804 accompanies the petition of "Boston Traveler" and others; referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled:

An Act to Authorize Persons qualified to Vote for Governor to Vote at the next State Election on the Question of the Purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth.

Be it enacted; etc., as follows:

Section 1. All persons qualified to vote for Governor shall at the next State election have an opportunity to express their opinion by voting "Yes" or "No" in answer to the following question: "Is it expedient for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to purchase the Boston and Albany Railroad?"

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall, prior to said election, cause to be placed on the official ballot the following

words: "Is it expedient for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to purchase the Boston and Albany Railroad?"

Sec. 3. Ballots prepared as above provided shall be furnished by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to cities and towns in the same manner that ballots are furnished for use in the elections of State officers, and the ballots shall be counted and returned in the same manner as ballots for the election of State officers.

Sec. 4. This act shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 548 of the Acts of the year 1898, entitled "An Act to Revise and Codify the Laws relating to Elections," and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto so far as the same are applicable.

House Bill No. 825 accompanies the petition of Patrick A. Collins; referred to the Committee on Public Service. It is entitled: An Act relating to the Probate and Insolvency Court for the County of Suffolk.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The judges of the Probate and Insolvency Court for the County of Suffolk, or a majority of them, shall appoint a stenographer within and for said County of Suffolk, and the said stenographer shall be sworn as an officer of the court. The stenographer so appointed shall receive an annual salary of \$2,500, to be paid by said county.

Sec. 2. Said stenographer shall attend the sessions of said court, and when requested by the presiding justice of said court shall take stenographic notes of the evidence and the rulings of the presiding justice given in any trial in said court. Said stenographer, when requested by the presiding justice or by either party, shall furnish to said justice or to the party desiring the same a transcript from such notes, fully written out, of such part of the testimony, rulings or charge as may be desired, upon payment of ten cents a hundred words for each copy so furnished. Transcripts furnished the presiding justice as aforesaid shall be paid for at the same rate by said county, upon a voucher certified by said justice.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 830 was introduced on leave by Mr. Foster of Boston; referred to the Committee on Agriculture. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Appointment of Inspectors of Milk for the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Chapter 57 of the Public Statutes is hereby amended by inserting in the first line after the word "cities," the words: Except the City of Boston; and also inserting after the word "office" in the fourth line the following: The State Board of Health shall annually appoint one or more persons to be inspectors of milk for the City of Boston who shall be sworn before entering upon the duties of their office. Such inspector or inspectors appointed by the State Board of Health as aforesaid, shall have all the powers and authority now given to other inspectors of milk by virtue of said chapter or of any other act now or hereafter in force relating to the inspection and sale of milk.

Such inspector or inspectors appointed by the State Board of Health shall receive such compensation as the Governor and Council shall approve. There shall be appropriated for the salary and expenses of the inspector or inspectors of milk of the City of Boston and his assistants, and for the running expenses of his office such sum as shall be approved by the Governor and Council — so that the same shall read as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor and Aldermen of cities, except the City of Boston, shall, and the Selectmen of towns may, annually appoint one or more persons to be inspectors of milk for their respective places, who shall be sworn before entering upon the duties of their office.

The State Board of Health shall annually appoint one or more persons to be inspectors of milk for the City of Boston, who shall be sworn before entering upon the duties of their office. Such inspector or inspectors appointed by the State Board of Health as aforesaid shall have all the powers and authority now given to other inspectors of milk by virtue of said chapter or of any other act now or hereafter in force relating to the inspection and sale of milk. Such inspector or inspectors appointed by the State Board of Health shall receive such compensation as the Governor and Council shall approve. There shall be appropriated for the salary and expenses of the inspector or inspectors of milk of the City of Boston and his assistants and for the running expenses of his office such sum as shall be approved by the Governor and Council. Each inspector shall publish a notice of his appointment for two weeks in a newspaper published in his city or town, or if no newspaper is published therein he shall post up such notice in two or more public places in such city or town.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 832 was introduced on leave by Mr. Foster of Boston; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Opening of Streets in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston may establish reasonable charges for permits for opening the streets of said city not exceeding \$2 for any such permit, and may establish other reasonable charges for the use of the streets for man-holes, pipes, conduits and their appliances.

Sec. 2. Every person or corporation using any wire, pipe, conduit, opening or structure in or under the public streets of said city shall forthwith furnish to the Superintendent of Streets a plan and profile of the same, satisfactory to said Superintendent, on such paper that blueprints can be made therefrom.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 844 was introduced on leave by Mr. Harrington of Boston; referred to the Committee on Public Service. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Membership of the Metropolitan Commissions.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The members of any Metropolitan Commission shall as their terms

expire be succeeded by other members appointed as follows:

The two members whose terms shall first expire shall be succeeded by two members appointed by the Mayor of the City of Boston subject after the expiration of one week to confirmation by the Board of Aldermen of said city. The other member shall be succeeded by a member appointed by a convention consisting of the Mayor of each city and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of each town in the district for which the commissioners of whom such member is one were originally appointed.

Sect. 2. All Metropolitan commissions shall hereafter consist of three members constituted as follows:

New members shall be appointed for the three whose terms shall first expire, and no member shall be appointed for those whose terms shall thereafter expire; but all such members shall hold office until their terms expire unless removed as provided by law.

House Bill No. 845 was introduced on leave by Mr. Harrington of Boston; referred to the Committee on Public Service. It is entitled:

An Act to Provide for Minority Representation on the Metropolitan Commissions.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. All future appointments to positions on the various Metropolitan commissions shall be made from the two parties casting the largest vote at the previous State election.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 848 was introduced on leave by Mr. Dean of Wakefield; referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled:

An Act to Regulate Passenger Fares on Railroads within the Suburban District of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Every railroad corporation whose road runs out from Boston shall furnish a ticket containing not exceeding twelve rides at a rate not greater than one cent a mile or fraction thereof, within the suburban district of Boston, excepting that the minimum fare shall be five cents.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect July 1 of this year.

House Bill No. 851 was introduced on leave by Mr. Mooney of Boston; referred to the Committee on Street Railways. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Extension of the System of the Boston Elevated Railway Company in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Boston Elevated Railway Company is hereby authorized and directed to build forthwith and to operate an elevated railway from Roxbury crossing, so called, being the junction of Tremont street and Columbus avenue and Roxbury street in said Boston, through Tremont street to Castle street, and over the tracks of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad and the Boston and Albany Railroad to Corning street, thence across said Corning street to and upon and across said private property to other private property of said Boston Elevated Railway Company on or near Porter

street to the subway, near or under Pleasant street in said Boston; said railway to be built and operated in accordance with existing laws relating to the said corporation and to elevated railways.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 866 accompanies the petition of Joseph Millen and others; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Limitation of Height of Second Class Buildings in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 24 of Chapter 419 of the Acts of the year 1892, as amended by Section 3 of Chapter 413 of the Acts of the year 1897, and by Section 1 of Chapter 228 of the Acts of the year 1898, is hereby amended by inserting, in the seventh line, after the words "hereafter erected," the words over forty-eight feet in height, so as read as follows:

Section 24. Every building hereafter erected over seventy feet in height shall be a first class building, and this provision shall apply to all buildings hereafter increased in height to over seventy feet. Every building hereafter erected or enlarged, or converted to use as a hotel, shall be a first class building, and every tenement or lodging-house hereafter erected over forty-eight feet in height shall be a first class building.

Every permanent building hereafter erected as a school-house shall be a first class building.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 867 accompanies the petition of Albert Geiger and others; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Construction of Cellars in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 31 of Chapter 419 of the Acts of the year 1892, as amended by Section 13 of Chapter 443 of the Acts of the year 1894, is hereby amended by striking out in the fourteenth line the words "no part of which is to be used as a dwelling," so as to read as follows:

Section 31. The cellar of every dwelling hereafter built on filled or made land, or where the grade or nature of the ground requires, shall be sufficiently protected from water and damp by a bed at least two inches thick over the whole, of concrete, cement and gravel, tar and gravel, or asphalt, or by bricks laid in cement. The space between any floor and the cellar bottom shall be well ventilated. No cellar or basement floor of any building shall be constructed below the grade of twelve feet above mean low water; provided, however, that the Board of Aldermen may, by license, subject to revocation by them at any time for sufficient reason of public health, authorize cellar or basement floors to be constructed in buildings so much below said grade as they may designate in such license. All metal foundations and all constructional iron work under ground shall be protected from dampness by concrete, in addition to two coats of red lead or other material approved by the inspector.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 876 accompanies the petition of James Keenan; referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled:

An Act to Regulate the Election of Caucus Officers in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. At all caucuses in the City of Boston the whole ticket shall be voted for by marking a cross (X) in a circle at the head of the ticket. The caucus officers shall consist of one for each precinct in the ward, and two additional officers for clerk and warden who shall not be voted for as such by popular vote, but as hereinafter prescribed.

Sect. 2. When there is a contest for caucus officers in which there are two or more tickets to be voted for, the caucus officers shall be selected from the two tickets having received the highest number of votes, in the following manner: From the first names of the list on each ticket shall be taken a number of names which shall bear the same proportion to the whole number of caucus officers to be elected as does the number of votes cast for each ticket to the whole number of votes cast for both tickets, and in case there be an equal number cast for each ticket when the number of caucus officers to be voted for is odd, the number selected from each ticket shall be the same.

Sect. 3. The majority representation may elect from their number the warden, the minority the clerk. In the event of a tie vote and of the minority and majority failing to agree, both sides shall send to the Election Commissioners two names for warden or clerk, and the Election Board shall decide by lot who shall be warden or clerk; and then the side which failed to receive the officer sought through the Election Board shall select the other officer.

House Bill No. 879 accompanies the petition of Bradley Fertilizer Company; referred to the Committee on Harbors and Public Lands. It is entitled:

An Act relative to Pilots on Tug-boats Engaged in Towing Vessels Bound to or from Certain Ports within the Limits of Boston Harbor.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. When a vessel bound to or from Hingham, East Weymouth, Quincy, Quincy Point, Weymouth, East Braintree or Nantasket is in tow of a tug-boat commanded by or in charge of a duly authorized pilot, the provisions of Section 39 of Chapter 70 of the Public Statutes, as amended by Chapter 252 of the Acts of the year 1884, shall not apply to such pilot.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 882 accompanies the petition of Isaac P. Hutchinson; referred to the Committee on Liquor Law. It is entitled:

An Act to Provide for the Appointment of a Board of Excise for the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Governor of the Commonwealth, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint three citizens of Boston who shall have been residents and legal voters therein five years immediately preceding the date of their appointment, who shall constitute a board of excise for said city, and who shall be sworn before entering upon the duties of their office. One member of said

board shall be designated by the Governor as chairman, and two shall constitute a quorum. Their terms of office shall be so arranged and designated at the time of appointment that the term of one member shall expire on the first Monday of January, 1901; one on the first Monday of January, 1902; and one on the first Monday of January, 1903. The full term of office after these dates shall be three years, and all vacancies occurring after the passage of this act shall be filled by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council. A member of said board may be removed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council for such cause as he shall deem sufficient and shall express in the order of removal. The board of excise shall appoint a clerk who shall be sworn, who shall keep a record of all proceedings, issue all notices and attest such papers and orders as said board shall direct, whose term of office shall be three years; but he may be removed by said board for such cause as it shall deem sufficient and shall express in its order of removal.

Sect. 2. The board of excise shall have authority to grant and issue annually licenses to persons applying for the same for the purpose of exposing, selling and keeping for sale spirituous and intoxicating liquors, and said board shall have all the powers and authority now vested in the Board of Police for the City of Boston, by the statutes of the Commonwealth, or by the ordinances, by-laws, rules and regulations of said city for the purpose of granting and issuing licenses for the sale of spirituous and intoxicating liquors. The board of excise shall have power and authority to grant and issue licenses regulating and restraining theatrical exhibitions, public shows and public amusements, billiard and pool tables, bowling alleys, inholders and victuallers, auctioneers, hawkers and peddlers, newsboys, bootblacks et al., minors now licensed at City Hall, carriages and wagons and other vehicles, itinerant musicians, pawnbrokers and dealers in second-hand articles and old junk; and all the powers in relation to licensing said theatrical exhibitions, public shows and public amusements, billiard and pool tables, bowling alleys, innholders and victuallers, auctioneers, hawkers and peddlers, carriages, wagons and other vehicles, itinerant musicians, pawnbrokers and dealers in second-hand articles and old junk, newsboys, bootblacks, etc., minors now licensed at City Hall, now vested in the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, or in the Board of Police for the City of Boston by the statutes of the Commonwealth, the ordinances, by-laws, rules and regulations of the City of Boston, shall be and hereby are vested in said board of excise.

Sect. 3. The Board of Police shall detail such number of police officers as said board of excise may desire, not exceeding twenty-five at any one time, to the exclusive service and direction of said board of excise, for the purpose of enforcing the laws and ordinances relating to the management and conduct of the business carried on under licenses issued by said board of excise as enumerated in Section 2 of this act. Such officers so detailed shall continue to perform the duties aforesaid until dismissed by said excise board; but no police officer so detailed by said board of police for service under above pro-

vision shall serve more than thirty consecutive days at any one time.

Sect. 4. The annual salary of the chairman of said board of excise shall be \$4,500; that of other members \$4,000; of its clerk, \$2,500; which shall be paid monthly from the treasury of the City of Boston.

Sect. 5. The board of excise with the approval of the Governor and Council shall be provided with such rooms as shall be convenient and suitable for the performance of its duties, the rent of which shall be paid by the City of Boston. The City of Boston shall provide all such suitable accommodations for said board of excise as said board shall require. All expenses for the maintenance and all incidental expenses incurred in the administration of said board of excise shall be paid by the City of Boston.

Sect. 6. The board of excise shall make a detailed report of its doings quarterly to the Mayor of said city, and annually to the Governor of the Commonwealth, in the month of December. The records of said board shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Governor of the Commonwealth and the Mayor of the City of Boston, or to such persons as may be designated by them.

Sect. 7. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, provided that nothing herein contained shall affect any prosecution pending or any default incurred before this act takes effect.

Sect. 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 883 accompanies the petition of Henry C. Baldwin, Chairman of Trustees; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to take Additional Land for the Purpose of Caring for the Insane.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston shall take in fee by purchase or otherwise for said city for the purpose of caring for the insane, all that section of land in the West Roxbury district of said city bounded by Blue Hill avenue, Canterbury street, Walk Hill street and a line fixed by said Board on or near Wellington Hill, and to make any such taking, other than by purchase, said Board shall cause to be recorded in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk a statement signed by said Board, or a majority thereof, that the lands are taken for the city for insane hospital purposes; said recording shall constitute the taking, and the title to the land so taken shall vest in the city.

Sect. 2. Said city shall pay all damages sustained by the taking, the same to be determined by agreement or arbitration by the owner of said land and said Board with the approval of the Mayor of said city, and if they cannot agree they shall be determined by a jury at the bar of the Superior Court for Suffolk County, as damages for the taking of land for highways are determined, on petition of the owner or Mayor filed in the office of the clerk of said court within one year after such taking and not afterward.

Sect. 3. The City Treasurer of said city, to pay the expenses of and the damages incurred by said taking, shall issue from time to time, on the request of the Mayor of said

city, bonds of said city, outside the debt limit thereof, and hold the proceeds in the treasury of said city to pay said damages and expenses.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 893 accompanies the petition of Thomas H. Green; referred to the Committee on Manufactures. It is entitled: An Act to Regulate the Price of Gas in that Part of the City of Boston known as Charlestown.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. No gas for illuminating or heating purposes shall hereafter be sold in that part of the City of Boston known as Charlestown at a price exceeding ninety cents per thousand cubic feet of gas.

Sect. 2. The Supreme Judicial Court and the Superior Court shall have jurisdiction in equity to enforce the provisions of this act by bill brought by the Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners, or by the Attorney-general, or by the Mayor of the City of Boston, or by any consumer of gas in said city.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 914 accompanies the petition of Henry D. Yeaton; referred to the Committee on Public Service. It is entitled: An Act to Exempt the City of Boston from the Provisions of the Civil Service Laws.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The City of Boston is hereby exempt from the operation of Chapter 320 of the Acts of 1884, entitled "An Act to Improve the Civil Service of the Commonwealth and the Cities thereof, and all Acts in Amendment thereof and supplementary thereto."

Sect. 2. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the City of Boston qualified to vote for Governor at the next State election, and shall take effect, only, on being accepted by a majority of said voters voting thereon.

House Bill No. 919 accompanies the petition of John H. Carters; referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled:

An Act to Regulate Railroad Fares in the Suburban District of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Every railroad corporation having a terminus in Boston, excepting the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad Company, shall furnish to and from Boston within the suburban district a commutation ticket of not exceeding twenty-five rides at the lowest rate made between said points on its road; but workingmen's tickets (so-called) rates and season tickets rates shall not apply.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect July 1 of this year.

House Bill No. 920 accompanies the petition of Charles A. Dean; referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled:

An Act to Regulate Passenger Fares on Railroads within the Suburban District of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Every railroad corporation whose road runs out from Boston, shall

furnish on each week day, for all trains reaching and leaving Boston, between 6 and 7.30 o'clock forenoon and afternoon, for distances not exceeding fifteen miles, season tickets at a rate not exceeding \$3 per mile per year, good once a day each way for six days in the week, and quarterly tickets not exceeding one dollar per quarter per mile, or weekly tickets at the same proportionate rates, and may provide special cars therefor.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect July 1 of this year.

House Bill No. 942 accompanies the petition of Henry E. Bowden; referred to the Committee on Election Laws. It is entitled: An Act to Provide for a Board of Elections for the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The duties now devolving upon the registrars and assistant registrars in the City of Boston shall hereafter be performed by a Board of Elections and by inspectors of elections, to the number of twenty-five, to be appointed by the said Board.

Sect. 2. The offices of registrars of voters, and of assistant registrars in the City of Boston are hereby abolished.

Sect. 3. The Board of Elections for the City of Boston shall consist of four members, two of whom shall be taken from each of the two leading political parties in the State, as ascertained under the provisions of Chapter 548 of the Acts of the year 1898. The said members shall be appointed by the Governor for a term of three years, and they may be removed by him at any time. Their compensation shall be the same as that now received by registrars in the City of Boston.

Sect. 4. The Board of Elections shall appoint twenty-five inspectors of elections, to serve for one year, unless removed by said Board, who shall discharge the duties and receive the compensation now fixed by law in the case of assistant registrars.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 1001 accompanies the petitioners of William W. Nichols and others; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled:

An Act to Regulate the Location of Public Stands for Carriages in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Police Commissioners of the City of Boston shall designate the streets to be used for public stands in the City of Boston to be occupied by coupes, hacks and herdies, and shall also designate the location of public carriage-stands in said streets and make all necessary rules and regulations concerning the same. This act shall not give the Police Commissioners the right to locate any public carriage-stand on any street in front of a private residence.

Sect. 2. No person or railroad corporation shall be allowed to charge or compel any persons or owners of public carriages to pay a fee or compensation for the privilege of standing their carriages in the public street in front of any station or the using of any street for the purpose of carrying passengers in said city.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at 7.30 P.M., February 13, 1900, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Aldrich, Burrill, Cushing, Davison and Strange.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments and transfers presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting, and it was

Ordered, That the Board authorize the employment of additional teachers in excess of the number or rank allowed under the rules, as presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

The following communications were read:

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,

City Hall, February 13, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The Street Commissioners direct me to inform you that the case of Thomas McCormick, petitioner for damages occasioned him by the taking of land and buildings on Bennett avenue, for school purposes (Paul Revere School) has been settled in court for the sum of \$4,500 and costs, without interest.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Placed on file.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE.

City Hall, February 7, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

With several orders of the School Committee, requesting the taking or purchase of land for school purposes by the Board of Street Commissioners, have come statements of offers made by the owners of estates selected of prices they will take for their properties. When they be made in writing over the signatures of all the owners of the estates, or their acknowledged representatives, as it has occurred that certain of the persons who have made verbal offers to the agent of the School Committee, employed to procure them, have, when they appeared here for settlement of their claims, denied that they had given the figures reported to the Board by the Committee as the result of its agent's negotiations, or said that if such figures had been offered, it was by one or more but not all the interests in the property, or by some person without the proper authority to act for all of them.

While it is the duty of this Board to make the settlements for lands taken, the Commissioners find it is far easier to do this with an offer from the owners as a basis for negotiation, but the School Committee will, the Street Commissioners think, readily see that such offers, to be effective for such a purpose, must be binding upon all the interests in the estates for which they are made. These options, when the School Committee obtain them, should be sent to this Board, and they can, if it is desired, be returned to

the School Committee after settlements are reached.

Very respectfully,

For the Board of Street Commissioners,

JOHN P. DORE, Chairman.

Placed on file.

The Superintendent presented the resignations of two teachers, which were accepted; the appointments of four special assistants, which were laid over under the rule; of two temporary teachers, which were placed on file; of eight teachers on probation, which were laid over under the rule; the confirmation of four teachers, which were laid over under the rule; the transfer of one teacher, which was laid over under the rule; the appointments of two instructors in evening elementary schools, which were laid over under the rule, and leaves of absence of thirteen teachers, which were granted.

The Superintendent presented appointments of two teachers accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the regulations pertaining thereto. The employment of the teachers was approved.

The following orders were passed:

(1.) That the City Treasurer be requested to issue during the current year negotiable bonds of the city to the amount of \$300,000, and to hold the proceeds of the same in the treasury, and pay therefrom the expenses incurred for lands taken and the building and furnishing of High and Latin school-houses, under the provisions of Chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898.

(2.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of Frank G. Coburn & Co., for erecting the new Dorchester High School-house, in the sum of \$190, for extension of wall in connection with construction of cold-storage room.

(3.) That of the amount granted to the School Committee under Chapter 149 of the Acts of 1898, the following appropriations be made:

South Boston High School-house, additional	\$50,000
New Dorchester High School-house, additional	50,000

Mr. Berridge, for the Committee on School-houses, reported the resignation of one janitor and the appointments of three janitors.

Mr. McDonough, for the Committee on Accounts, presented its estimate of the expenses of the School Department for 1900-1901, of which the following is a recapitulation:

Salaries of instructors	\$2,176,000 00
Salaries of officers	88,800 00
Salaries of janitors	159,000 00
Fuel, gas, and water	113,000 00
Supplies and incidentals	169,585 31
Repairs and alterations upon school buildings	252,000 00
Rents and taxes	40,000 00

Total Department expenses . \$2,998,385 31

The following orders were passed:

(1.) That the amounts paid by James Sullivan, of Newton, Mass., for tuition from November 16, 1899, to February 1, 1900, of Rose B. Sullivan, a non-resident pupil in the Brighton High School, viz., \$21.30, be abated, said pupil having left the school November 16, 1899.

(2.) That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to extend for two weeks the terms of such of the evening schools as in their judgment will be profitable, and that schools so extended close this year on Friday evening, March 23, 1900.

(3.) That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to employ such additional assistance in the physical and chemical laboratory of the Evening High School as may be needed, in addition to that already authorized by the Board at its meeting of September 12, 1899, at an expense not exceeding \$30.

(4.) That a special committee of five be appointed to investigate and report upon the efficiency of the service.

On motion of Mr. Berridge, the order was amended so as to include the President as a member of the committee.

(5.) That an additional ungraded class be allowed in the Eliot District.

(6.) That an additional kindergarten be established in the Frothingham District.

(7.) That the Committee on the Ninth Division be requested to report at the next meeting of this Board on the selection of a site for a new primary school-house, Dorchester District.

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION.

Boston, February 16, 1900.

A meeting of the Cambridge Bridge Commission was held Friday, February 16, 1900, at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Boston, at 4 P.M.

Present: All the members.

A communication was received from Hon. Elihu Root, Secretary of War, transmitting an instrument giving the approval of the War Department to the plan and elevation of the proposed Cambridge bridge, dated November 27, 1899, and approved by vote of the Commission passed on December 13, 1899, subject to the following conditions:

(1.) That the Engineer Officer of the United States Army, in charge of the district within which the bridge is to be built, may supervise its construction, in order that said plans shall be complied with.

(2.) That a draw pier be built for the guidance of vessels through the draw-opening; such pier to be about 350 feet in length from end to end, extending equally on both sides of the bridge, and of a width equal to that of the pier shown on the plans; and such pier to be provided with ring bolts or snubbing posts to which vessels can be made fast, and, if necessary, warped through the draw-opening.

Laid on the table, on motion of Commissioner Champlin.

On motion of Commissioner Leavitt, it was

Voted, That the bills and pay-rolls, amounting to \$2,761.46, presented by the Chief Engineer of the Commission for payment by the cities of Boston and Cambridge, be certified for payment by the respective cities of Boston and Cambridge.

Adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman.

EDGAR R. CHAMPLIN, Secretary.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, February 19, 1900, Chairman O'Brien presiding and all the members being present.

The following messages from the Mayor were received:

Marine Park, Jeffries Point.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 14, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Park Commissioners in answer to your order requesting them to establish a marine park and playground at Jeffries Point is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,

February 14, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: We have received the enclosed order of the Board of Aldermen, requesting us to establish a marine park and playground at Jeffries Point, Ward 2.

We should be pleased to look into the matter, but, unfortunately, we have no money available at present for purchasing the necessary land.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Sent down.

Appointments by the Mayor.

Communications were received from the Mayor making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board:

(1.) William D. Lang (Norfolk Terrace, Ward 24), to be Superintendent of Lamps, in place of James Donovan, resigned.

(2.) Winfield W. Hall (87 White street), to be a Weigher of Coal for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Severally laid over under the law.

Enlarging Engine House 20.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 19, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Fire Commissioner in reference to enlarging Engine House 20 is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Bristol Street, February 19, 1900.

HIS HONOR THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: Replying to the request of the Honorable Board of Aldermen for an estimate of

the sum sufficient to enlarge Engine-house No. 20 so that it may accommodate a hook and ladder company, I would report that, in my opinion, such addition, together with its complete equipment, would cost \$15,000, with \$6,000 more for maintaining it during the first year.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, February 15, 1900, at 7.45 P.M., President Kiley in the chair and a quorum present.

The following messages from the Mayor were received:

Skating, Mystic Playground and North End Park.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 14, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: Communications from the Park Commissioners and the Bath Trustees, in answer to orders asking the Park Commissioners to arrange for skating at the Mystic Playground and the North End Park, are transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

February 10, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: We have received the enclosed order of the City Council, in regard to flooding for skating purposes the Mystic Playground.

We regret to say that the grade of the Mystic Playground is too steep to permit flooding. As to North End Beach, at the request of the Mayor and the Bath Commission, the charge and control of the beach during this season was placed last autumn under that Commission, to which I have sent the order of the Council.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

DEPARTMENT OF BATHS.

Boston, February 14, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In reply to the order received from the Common Council relative to the flooding of the North End Park for skating, the Commission beg to state that they have no funds available for this purpose.

Yours very respectfully,

THOMAS J. LANE, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Gates on Charlestown Bridge.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 15, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the City Engineer, in answer to your order requesting information in regard to the gates on the new Charlestown bridge, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, February 15, 1900.

TO THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

SIR: In reply to the following order of the Common Council "that the City Engineer, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform the Common Council why suitable gates have not been provided for the new Charlestown bridge," I have to say that suitable wooden gates have been provided for the new Charlestown bridge which will later be replaced by steel gates.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Assigned to the next meeting.

Fire Engine-house, Centre Street, Ward 22.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 14, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Fire Commissioner, in answer to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of establishing a fire engine-house on Centre street, Ward 22, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT,

Bristol Street, February 13, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: Replying to the request of the Honorable Common Council for an estimate of the cost of establishing a fire-engine house and apparatus on Centre street, near Day street (Ward 22), I respectfully report that, independently of the land, the engine-house and equipment would cost \$38,500, with an additional \$16,000 for maintenance, during one year. And I beg to add that, in my opinion, this locality is at present well protected by apparatus already established within hailing distance, three (3) engines, one ladder truck and two (2) chemicals responding on the first alarm, with three (3) more engines and another ladder truck on the second alarm.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

Referred to the Committee on Fire Department when appointed.

Flooding of Lots for Skating.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

City Hall, February 13, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A letter from the Water Commissioner in reference to your order requesting the flooding of the vacant lot on Kemp street, Ward 16, for skating purposes, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE WATER COMMISSIONER,

City Hall, February 6, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In reply to your communication of the second instant, relating to an order, which has been referred to this Department, requesting that the vacant lot on Kemp street, Washington avenue, Hyde street and the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, Ward 16, be flooded for skating, I would say:

That this matter has been under consideration for some time, but at present the field is not in condition to be flooded and hold the water, and besides the consent of the owners has not been given, which will be necessary before it can be flooded without liability to claim for damages.

This Department will provide water to flood places for skating without cost where the ground is suitable for that purpose or has been so arranged that it will hold the water, provided, in case of private property, the consent of the owners of the property can be obtained for that purpose, and on condition that skating is free to the public.

Very respectfully yours,

A. P. MARTIN, Water Commissioner.

Placed on file.

New High School, Charlestown.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

February 15, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the School Committee in reference to your order requesting a loan of \$250,000 for a new High School building in Charlestown is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

February 13, 1900.

The Committee on New Buildings, to whom was referred from the files of last year, a communication from the Common Council, through His Honor the Mayor, that the School Committee, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to petition the General Court, at its next session, for the passage of an act to authorize a loan of

\$250,000, outside the debt limit, to be expended in the construction and furnishing of a new high school building in the Charlestown district, report that the existing necessity for a new high school-house in Charlestown was recognized in the annual report of the committee, presented to the Board at its meeting of December 26, 1899, which report embraced a recommendation that application be made to the Legislature for authority to expend the sum of \$3,000,000 during the years 1900-04 inclusive for additional school-house accommodations. An order was passed at the latest meeting of this Board, in accordance with the suggestion contained in the report referred to, and your committee recommend that the Common Council be respectfully informed, through His Honor the Mayor, that it is the intention of this Board to build a new high school-house in Charlestown as soon as the necessary funds for the purpose shall be available.

For the Committee,

WILLIAM F. MERRITT, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to His Honor the Mayor.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.
Placed on file.

Parkman School-house, South Boston.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

February 15, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the School Committee in reference to the Parkman School-house, South Boston, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

February 13, 1900.

The Committee on School-houses to whom was referred from the files of last year, a communication from the City Council requesting that the Parkman School-house, South Boston, be discontinued, said building being in an unfit condition for school purposes, report that it is not proposed to occupy this building for school purposes permanently, but only during the construction of the new Bigelow School-house. The sanitariums are not modern but are in a detached building about thirty feet from the school-house, and are well cared for. The school-house is, of course, an old one, but your committee see no reason for its discontinuance at present, and believe it affords as good temporary accommodations as could be obtained in the district without going to much larger expenditure than would be advisable in view of the comparatively short time before the new school-house may be expected to be ready for occupancy.

For the Committee,

THOMAS W. BERRIDGE, Chairman.

Accepted, and ordered to be sent to the City Council.

A true copy. Attest:

THORNTON D. APOLLONIO, Secretary.

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting.

Employees, Children's Institutions Department.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR,

February 15, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Trustees for Children giving certain information requested by your honorable body in regard to the employees in their Department is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT,

32 Tremont Street, February 14, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: Your favor of the tenth instant has been received, and in response I herewith hand you the lists of employees under our charge at the placing out and office division, the Parental School, and the House of Reformation, giving date of appointment, by whom appointed, and residence at date of appointment.

Respectfully yours,

H. A. LAMB, Chairman.

(Accompanying the above were the lists of employees referred to.)

Ordered printed, and assigned to the next meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

February 14, 1900.

General Order No. 666.

I. In the matter of the complaint made by John H. Kain on the eleventh of December, 1899, against Patrolman James J. Gallagher, of Division 4, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, the Board finds the said Patrolman Gallagher not guilty and orders the complaint to be dismissed.

II. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Jeremiah J. Lehan, of Division 1, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Neglect of duty, in that he failed to report at the station-house at the end of his tour of duty at 8.15 A.M., January 30, current, the Board finds the said Patrolman Lehan guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of five days' pay.

February 16, 1900.

General Order 667.

The Civil Service Commissioners having certified that Patrolman Thomas F. Busby, of Division 4, is eligible for promotion to the rank of sergeant in the Police Department, it is, therefore, hereby ordered that the said Patrolman Busby be, and he hereby is, promoted to the rank of sergeant in the police force of the City of Boston, and assigned for duty on Division 12.

He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, January 1, 1900.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending December 30, 1899:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.					
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.						
1...	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	6
2...	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	2
3...	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	4
4...	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	-
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
6...	-	5	-	-	-	-	8	2	6	29
7...	-	6	-	-	-	-	9	4	2	29
8...	-	5	-	3	-	-	6	-	3	12
9...	-	2	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	9
10...	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	2	3	7
11...	-	-	-	-	13	-	3	1	-	22
12...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	2	8
13...	1	2	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	2
14...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	3
15...	1	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	2
16...	7	2	-	-	6	3	1	1	2	2
17...	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3	1
18...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
19...	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	1	18
20...	2	4	-	-	4	8	8	12	11	8
21...	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	7	-	-
22...	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	7	-	4
23...	1	2	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	3
24...	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	2	3	16
25...	-	1	-	-	1	4	5	6	3	4
T'ls..	14	39	1	5	29	25	67	58	57	193

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, February 12, 1900.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending February 10, 1900:

Number of chattel mortgages	105
Number of discharges of mortgages	19
Number of assignments of mortgages	2
Number of attachments	1
Number of bills of sale	3
Number of assignments of wages	47
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	3
Number of married women's certificates	8

Accident notices were filed as follows:

February 5—Edward L. Heberd, personal injuries, ice on sidewalk at 108 Kendall street; Antonio Marisi, personal injuries on East Boston side of South Ferry.

February 7—Rose Rutherford, dress torn by wire on tree on Tremont street; Mary E. Cushing, personal injuries by falling on Parker Hill avenue.

J. M. GALVIN, City Clerk pro tempore.

Health Department.

Old Court House, February 3, 1900.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

William D. Dearborn, 1643 Dorchester avenue, Ward 24; hearing February 8 at 11 o'clock. Joshua Harron, 77 Sheridan street, Ward 22; hearing February 8 at 11 o'clock. William A. Davidson, 11 Hutchings street, Ward 21; hearing February 8 at 11 o'clock.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the month ending January 31, 1900:

Steers	958
New England cows	647
New England bulls	137
Western cows	124
Western bulls	19
Sheep	2,085
Calves	1,475
Swine	10
Total	5,455

During the month 5,510 pounds of diseased meat have been condemned.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending February 3:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	48	52	100
Negative	191	93	284
No growth	—	—	—
Totals	239	145	384

Typhoid diagnoses: Eight cases; two cases positive and six negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

Statistics for the week ending February 10:

Cases pending	—	
Number of applications	87	
	—	87
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse, Tewks-		
bury	47	
Long Island Almshouse	13	
Observation Hospital,		
Deer Island	4	
Boston Insane Hospital	2	
Danvers Insane Hospital	1	
Westboro' Insane Hospi-		
tal	7	
Foxboro' Asylum	2	
	—	76
Number of applications re-		
fused	4	
Number of applications with-		
drawn	7	
	—	87
Settlements investigated		96
Settlements reported to the		
Trustees for Children		6

W. T. SEDGWICK, Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

Statistics for the week ending January 27:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	126	8
Females	30	2
Totals	156	10

Offences:

Against the person	9	1
Against property	18	5
Against public order and		
decency	130	4
Permit revoked	1	—
Totals	*158	10

Discharges:

Males	101	14
Females	25	3
Totals	126	17

How discharged:

Expiration of sentence	116	16
Permit of Commissioner,	1	1
Payment of fine	9	—
Totals	126	17

Population:

January 20, 1900	1,020	510
Committed since Janu-		
ary 20, 1900	156	10
Totals	1,176	520
Discharged since Janu-		
ary 20, 1900	126	17
January 27, 1900	1,050	503

* Two committed charged with two offences each.

Statistics for the week ending February 3, 1900:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
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Commitments:

Males	127	9
Females	21	1
Totals	148	10

Offences:

Against the person	8	2
Against property	16	7
Against public order		
and decency	125	1
Totals	*149	10

Discharges:

Males	112	10
Females	18	6
Totals	130	16

How discharged:

Expiration of sentence,	108	15
Permit of Commis-		
sioner	3	—
Payment of fine	17	—
Transferred to South		
Boston	2	—
Transferred to Concord	—	1
Totals	130	16

Population:

January 27, 1900	1,050	503
Committed since Janu-		
ary 27, 1900	148	10
Totals	1,198	513
Discharged since Janu-		
ary 27, 1900	130	16
February 3, 1900	1,068	497

* One committed charged with two offences.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, January 29, 1900.

The following is a summary of the work of this Department for the two weeks ending January 27, 1900:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	636
Defects reported	101
Defects corrected	35
Notices of new work received	31
Feet of dead wire removed	11,200
Feet of dead wire retained	290
Fixtures removed	28
Poles removed	8
Poles set	22

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	593
Notices of new work received	301

The temporary wiring at various theatres was inspected, and at one of them unsafe electric apparatus was found and its use ordered discontinued.

Investigations of fires have been made at 12 Commercial street and at 114 Sudbury street.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approval of permits have been granted as follows:

Building connections	9
Lamp connections	16

Inspections of work have been made as follows:

Building connections	28
Pole connections	5
Repairs	6
Cable drawings	49
Lamp connections	1

Progress of work:

Feet of duct laid	1,629
Feet of cable drawn in	52,049
Service connections made	34
Manholes built	3

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

SUPERINTENDENT OF LAMPS.

The resignation of Mr. James Donovan, who has been Superintendent of Lamps for the past four years, has been received by Mayor Hart. The Mayor sent to the Board of Aldermen, at its meeting on Monday, February 19, 1900, the appointment of William D. Lang, of Ward 24, to succeed Mr. Donovan. (See page 105.)

SECRETARY OF BATH DEPARTMENT.

At a meeting of the Board of Bath Commissioners, held Tuesday, February 13, 1900, Mr. Charles Morse was elected Secretary of the Department to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Daniel D. Kearns, who has resigned on account of ill health.

COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION OF THE PARK DEPARTMENT.

Chairman O'Brien, at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen on Monday, the nineteenth instant, appointed the following committee on the investigation of the Park Department:

Aldermen Norris, Gerry, Day, Jordan, Philip O'Brien, Codman and Dixon.

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

January 17, 1900.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held on January 17, 1900, at the Hospital.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague and Rueter.

The regular monthly bills were submitted and approved, and the President was authorized to draw upon the City Auditor for the amount thereof, \$28,403.83.

Voted, That the regular monthly draft on account of the Ann White Vose building, furnishing, amounting to \$3,121, be approved.

Voted, That the regular monthly draft on account of Hospital buildings, improvements, Hospital Department, amounting to \$2,083.60, be approved.

Voted, That the regular monthly draft in payment of drains in new kitchen, on account of the Wyman Building Fund, amounting to \$389.58, be approved.

Voted, That there be paid to the Public Buildings Department, Electrical Construction Division, the sum of \$591.57, the same being second payment on their contract for electrical work on the Ann White Vose building, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose building, Hospital Department.

Voted, That there be paid to Wheelright & Haven the sum of \$71.18, the same being 2½ per cent. commission on first and second payments to the Electrical Construction Division for electrical work at the Ann White Vose building, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose building, Hospital Department.

Voted, That there be allowed and paid to Lynch & Woodward the sum of \$1,000 as first payment on account of their contract of October 17, 1899, for furnishing and installing steam mains to the Vose building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital buildings, improvements, Hospital Department.

Voted that there be allowed and paid to G. H. M. Rowe, Superintendent, the sum of \$1,000 on account of cash bills and petty current expenditures; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

Communications were received from the Superintendent as follows:

(1.) Respecting receipts from paying patients. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

(2.) Submitting a receipt for \$293.54, on account of sale of old material. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

(3.) Relating to third-year diplomas for nurses, and recommending that cum laude diplomas be issued to the following-named third-year pupils, provided that on the dates opposite their respective names they shall have passed their examinations and fulfilled all the conditions necessary to receive such diploma:

Miss Stella B. Weston, February 11, 1900; Miss Louella A. Warren, February 19, 1900; Miss Ella R. Sylvester, March 1, 1900.

The same was referred to the Medical Committee, which at once reported back in

favor of issuing diplomas as recommended, and it was voted that the same be done.

(4.) Concerning labor in furnishing Vose House. The same was referred to the Committee on Service with full powers.

(5.) Concerning proposals for coal. It was voted that the Superintendent be authorized to purchase coal of Thomas & Pike, according to the terms of their proposal, pea coal at \$4.50 per ton, and Hazelton Lehigh egg coal at \$5.35 per ton, as needed, until the barge supply now advertised for be received.

Voted, That there be added to the contract of Lynch & Woodward, dated December, 1898, for heating and ventilating the Ann White Vose building, order of addition No. 500, dated November, 1899, \$92.72.

Voted, That there be added to the contract of George G. Baker, dated August 30, 1899, for alterations and additions to kitchen, order of addition No. 521, dated January 10, 1900, for extension of trench and substitution of slate for North river flagstone over trench, the sum of \$312.

Voted, That there be added to the contract of Pierce & Cox, dated November 29, 1898, for plumbing Ann White Vose building, order of addition No. 519, dated January 10, 1900, for the setting up of a No. 2 Continental filter in the trunk-room on lower story, the sum of \$149.

A communication was received from Dr. McCollom, respecting recommendations for diplomas, promotions and appointments. The same was referred to the Medical Committee.

The resignation of Dr. John G. Blake as senior visiting physician for diseases of women, was received and referred to the Medical Committee.

A communication was received from Dr. Morton Prince, respecting vacancy in the in the department for diseases of the nervous system. The same was referred to the Medical Committee.

Communications were received from the secretary of the senior staff as follows:

(1.) Enclosing report of committee on summer service of staff and suggesting change in date of appointment of staff. The same was referred to the Medical Committee.

(2.) Enclosing report on house officers. The same was referred to the Medical Committee.

(3.) Notifying the Trustees of the resignation of Dr. Burrell and appointment of Dr. Bowditch as secretary of the senior staff. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

(4.) Respecting nomination for the position of aural surgeon. The same was referred to the Medical Committee.

(5.) Respecting resignation of Dr. John G. Blake, and request to establish the position of senior physician for diseases of women and nominating Dr. Blake for the position. The same was referred to the Medical Committee.

A communication was received from the City Clerk, defining boundary of land on Haymarket square given for the purpose of a relief station. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

Circular No. 1 from Mayor Hart was received, requesting a report on Department necessities. The President reported that a communication upon this subject had been sent to the Mayor.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Paris Exposition Managers of Massachusetts, respecting an exhibit of the Hospital at the Exposition. The same was referred to a committee consisting of Mr. Sprague and Mr. Shuman.

Upon election by ballot for Superintendent of the Hospital for the ensuing year, in accordance with Rule 1, Dr. G. H. M. Rowe was unanimously elected to that position.

A communication was received from Register of Probate Court, naming executors of will of Daniel S. Ford. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

A communication was received from Secretary of Committee on Modification of the Federal Legacy Tax in re-petition to Congress. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 32 Tremont street on February 8, 1900.

Present: Mrs. Marion, Messrs. Goddard and Sanderson, Drs. Baldwin and Knapp.

The bills for the month, amounting to \$6,594.22, were referred to the Committee on Supplies for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign a draft for that amount.

The pay-rolls for the month, amounting to \$3,641.83, were referred to the Committee on Service for approval and the Chairman was authorized to sign a draft for that amount.

The Superintendent read his report, which was accepted and placed on file.

The Secretary was instructed to ask for the transfer of eight women patients to the State hospitals.

The question of extra attendants in the women's department was referred to the Committee on Service with full powers.

The question of the bill in the case of Charles Eichorn was left to the discretion of the Superintendent.

The question of the changes in the quarters of the assistant physician in the men's department was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds with full powers.

The question of the purchase of a filing cabinet for the women's department was referred to the Committee on Supplies with full powers.

The question of the establishment of a diet kitchen in the infirmary building of the women's department was referred to a special committee, consisting of the Committee on Service and Mrs. Marion.

The question of the methods of purchasing beef was referred to the Committee on Supplies with instructions to report at the next meeting. For the present month, the Superintendent was authorized to purchase beef in the method in which he saw fit.

The Chairman was authorized to sign a special draft of \$1,000 for current expenses.

The State bill, amounting to \$7,529.56, was referred to the Committee on Insane in Other Hospitals for approval and the Chairman was authorized to sign a draft for that amount.

The Committee on Service recommended that an entertainment be given on April 19.

The Committee on Service and Mr. Sanderson were appointed a special committee

to inquire into the number of outside help employed at the Hospital, horses, carriages, how they were employed and the amount of time.

The Mayor's Circular No. 2 was read and placed on file.

A letter was read in reference to reinstating Bartholomew Sullivan, and the Chairman and Secretary were appointed a special committee to confer with the Mayor upon the matter.

The request of Kate S. Casey for the transfer of her sister, Mary E. Casey, from the Medfield Asylum to the Boston Insane Hospital was rejected on account of the crowded condition of the Hospital.

The question of the continuing of the register of the Boston patients in the State hospitals at the Boston Insane Hospital was referred to the Committee on Insane in Other Hospitals.

A letter was read from the Civil Service Commission stating that the engineers had been placed under the Civil Service law.

The population February 8, 1900, was as follows:

	Men.	Women.	Total.
In house	242	246	488
On visit	3	4	7
Total	245	250	495

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, February 9, 1900.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, DeNormandie, Bowditch, Dwight and Lincoln.

Received: Circular No. 2 from the Mayor; the Librarian's report; the Auditor's monthly exhibit.

Two special privilege cards were granted.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to general appropriation, amounting to \$3,316.88; to trust funds, \$707.69; to "Broadway Extension, improvements," \$72.14.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$519.68; to trust funds, \$235.35; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$11.85; to Station "P," \$5.75; miscellaneous articles, \$218.51.

Voted, That the course of lectures to be given at the Library on the relation of the Library to education, be accepted and announced according to the programme submitted.

Voted, That in accordance with the report of the Committee (on the catalogue and other departments), certain catalogues be completed, namely, the Italian Fiction, Brown Catalogue, Boston Maps and German Fiction.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Overseeing of the Poor Department.

A meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held February 7, 1900.

Present: Mr. Fowler (Chairman), Mrs. Wolcott, Mrs. Quinn, Miss Rogers, Mr. Sproules, Mr. Pierce, Mr. Kerrigan, Mr. Mullen, Dr. Stuart, Dr. Plummer and Miss O'Brien.

Voted, To draw on the City Treasurer for \$2,000.

Voted, To approve the monthly bills and pay-roll, the same having been read in full.

Voted, To approve the bills of the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers for the month ending January 10, 1900.

Circular No. 2 from Mayor Hart, directing that annual reports must be transmitted to him within thirty days after the close of the financial year, as required by ordinance, was referred to the Chairman to carry out.

Mr. Pierce, for the Committee on Finance, reported having examined the accounts for the month of January and found them correct.

Mr. Pierce reported that the Treasurer desired to be absent for a few weeks, and recommended that the Chairman be appointed Treasurer pro tempore for the time of Mr. Humphrey's absence.

Leave of absence was granted to the Treasurer, as requested, and it was

Voted, That Mr. Fowler be authorized to act as Treasurer pro tempore during the absence of the Treasurer, to sign checks and perform such other duties as the Treasurer usually performs.

Mr. Fowler, for the Committee on Supplies, reported the serious illness of Mr. Reed, the storekeeper, and on recommendation of the Committee, it was

Voted, That it be authorized to employ extra help if it should become necessary during Mr. Reed's absence.

The same Committee recommended equalizing the pay of the three assistant storekeepers by reducing the pay of William C. Smith to \$13 per week from \$14, and increasing the pay of Edward F. Kenney and Isaiah L. Hinckley from \$12 per week to \$13 per week each, subject to the approval of the Mayor, and the Board so voted.

The monthly report of the Temporary Home was read by Miss Rogers. It was accepted and placed on file.

The monthly report of the Lodge and Woodyard was read by Mr. Fowler. It was accepted and placed on file.

The Committee on Building reported need of repairs in the State Aid Department and in some other parts of the building, and asked for an appropriation of \$250 for the purpose, and it was voted that the Committee on Building be authorized to expend \$250 in making such repairs.

On motion of Mr. Sproules, it was

Voted, That Dr. Stuart be a special committee to deal with the question of making a special entrance for attendants in the Dispensary in Room 5.

Dr. Stuart, for the Committee of Burials, read correspondence with the Hospital Superintendent with regard to delay in burials, and recommended that arrangements be made with the city undertaker to secure burials within three days after the same are ordered.

Voted, To adopt the recommendation.

Mr. Fowler, for the Committee on Registration, read a report of a conference of the Committee with Mr. Koren of the Registration Department, as a result of which conference the Committee recommended that the Board co-operate with the Registration Department as requested and adopt a system of cards, the details of which are to be arranged by a committee composed of Messrs. Koren and Gilman, of the Registration De-

partment, and our Secretary, Mr. Pettce, under the supervision of the Chairman of this Board.

The recommendation of the Committee was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Sproules, for the special committee on West Roxbury agent, moved that the resignation of Dr. E. Peabody Gerry as such agent be accepted, and it was so voted after complimentary remarks by Mr. Sproules, the Chairman and others who had had opportunity to know of Dr. Gerry's valuable services.

On motion of Mr. Sproules it was voted that the thanks of the Board be extended to Dr. Gerry for his valuable services as agent for the West Roxbury District.

On recommendation of the same committee it was voted that John A. Elliott be employed as agent for the West Roxbury District for the probationary period of six months, he to report at the central office every morning at 9 o'clock for the first three months, at a salary of \$500 per year.

On recommendation of the Chairman, it was voted that fifteen copies of Dr. Shaw's new book be purchased for the use of the Board.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, January 22, 1900.

A special meeting of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Monday, January 22, at 12 M., called to open proposals for beef, mutton and fish for the Pauper Institutions, and to consider the question of some appointments.

Present: Mr. Hunnewell (in the chair), Mr. Rutan, Mr. Dobbins, Mr. Pettingill and Miss Morse.

At 12.30 proposals for beef, mutton and fish were opened.

There were four proposals for beef, four for mutton and three for fish.

The bids were taken under advisement by the Board.

Voted, That the bids be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hunnewell reported having seen Colonel Russell in regard to the possibility of there being a fire-engine which could be placed at Long Island as a means of protection until the salt water fire-service should be in operation. Colonel Russell objects to providing an engine unless it can be shown that it will be of value to the institution, and that it will be possible to keep steam up all the time.

After consideration, it was decided that the engine would not be of sufficient value to warrant its being sent to Long Island at present, but the Superintendent thought that it would of great service to us during the few days that the boilers were being moved to the new power-house. This however would probably not be done until after May 1.

WALTER HUNNEWELL,
Secretary pro tempore.

Street Laying-out Department.

Following is an abstract of the records of recent meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, January 29.

It was voted to award the West End Street Railway Company, on advice of the Law Department, \$13,500 net, for damages occasioned its estate by the laying out of Columbia road.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out Guernsey street at West Roxbury; and a catch-basin was ordered in Longwood avenue, and a sewer in East Brookline street.

An order was received from the Common Council requesting the Board to make an estimate of the cost of widening Washington street on the westerly side from Guild street to Marcella street.

Petitions were received for sewer in Kempton street and a sewer in the traffic way of the Arborway.

It was voted to file Board of Survey Plans Z 74 (Plat 11), X 45 (Plat 5), Z 38 (Plat 11), Y 27, 28, 29, 30, Z 21, 39, 40 (Plats 11 and 12).

Wednesday, January 31.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out Colberg street, from Beach street to Cornell street.

Petitions were received for a sewer in Butler avenue; for the laying out of Mascot street, and of Colberg avenue; and for a change in the name of Dove street.

It was voted to give a hearing in the matter of changes on plans Z 63, 78, 79, 81, 82 (Plats 10 and 11).

Authority was given to open private ways, at Brighton, known as Glenburn road, Bothwell road, Newcastle road, and Donnybrook road.

Thursday, February 1.

An advertised hearing was given on the petition of Arioch Wentworth and others for a change in the name of Charlestown street.

An order was received from the City Council requesting the Commissioners to proceed with the widening of Rutherford avenue.

A petition was received for a sewer in Sachem street.

Friday, February 2.

A petition was received from Mary C. McDonald for a change of the name of Shamrock street; and one from the Boston Transit Company requesting the Board to accept a footway in line of Traverse street discontinued as a public way.

Monday, February 5.

It was voted to award Dennis J. Swcney and Winifred Burke \$1,600 for damages occasioned their estate by the laying out of Echo street.

Petitions were received for a sewer in Pontine street; for a catch-basin in Howard avenue, at Dorchester, and for a change in the name of Pontiac street.

Tuesday, February 6.

A petition was received from Ruth H. Tompson for change in the Board of Survey lines plans M 71a, 72a, 90a, and 89 Plat 4.

An award of \$3,500 was made to Stephen W. Hoppe for damages occasioned his estate by the relocation of Swett street.

Wednesday, February 7.

An advertised hearing was given in the matter of changing the name of Dove street.

Awards were made of \$450 to Edward Begley, and of \$1,000 to the heirs of Eliza-

beth Jordan for damages occasioned their several estates by the relocation of Swett street.

A petition was received for a catch-basin in Seaver street.

An advertised hearing was given in the matter of changing the name of Bothnia street to St. Cecilia street; and also in the matter of the change in the name of Shamrock street.

Friday, February 9.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out St. Rose place at West Roxbury, with the name of Gormley street.

It was voted to pay Julia A. Young \$557 for damages occasioned her estate by the relocation of North Harvard street; and an award of \$8,000 was made to Katharine A. Dahl, on the recommendation of the Law Department, for damages occasioned her estate by the extension of Columbus avenue.

It was ordered to change the name of Peter Parley street to Peter Parley road, and the order was sent to the Board of Aldermen for confirmation.

It was ordered to change the name of Dove street to Dresser street, and the order was sent to the Board of Aldermen for confirmation.

A petition was received for the laying out of a street in extension of Bowdoin square.

A petition was received that the name of Falmouth street may be changed to Livingstone street.

It was voted to pay Patrick Meehan \$3,000 for damages occasioned his estate by a taking made for sewerage purposes.

Orders were received from the Board of Aldermen requesting the Commissioners to make an estimate of the cost of widening and extending Avery street, from Washington street to Tremont street; and to prepare a plan for the revision of the grade of Park street, between Washington and Waldeck streets.

A hearing was given in the matter of changes on Board of Survey plans Z 63, 78, 79, 81, 82, 64, 100, 57.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS ON RETIREMENT OF CITY CLERK GALVIN

The following resolutions on the retirement of Mr. John M. Galvin from the office of City Clerk, offered by Alderman Norris, were unanimously passed by the Board of Aldermen at its meeting on Monday, February 19, 1900:

Whereas, Mr. John M. Galvin has severed his connection with the City Government of Boston; and

Whereas, During his term of long and faithful service he has endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact by his ready courtesy and innate ability; and

Whereas, He has now entered upon a business career wherein he has the best wishes and hearty good-will of the members of the City Council for his future advancement and prosperity; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the City Council of Boston extend to Mr. John M. Galvin their hearty appreciation for his former official services and their best wishes for his success in business life.

Ordered, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mr. Galvin.

ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR.

By concurrent vote of the two branches of the Massachusetts Legislature, at its session on Monday, February 19, 1900, Mr. Henry D. Yerxa, of Cambridge, was elected Councillor of the Third Councillor District, which is composed of Wards 1, 3, 4 and 5 of Boston, Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop and the First, Second and Third Middlesex Senatorial Districts, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Oliver H. Durrell.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary shows the value of imports and exports, together with the entrance and clearance of foreign vessels, and the arrival of passengers at the Port of Boston during the month of January, 1900, as compared with the corresponding month of 1899:

	Imports.	Exports.
January, 1900 . .	\$6,105,743	\$6,193,839
January, 1899 . .	5,646,218	12,324,004

Vessels.	Entered.	No. Tonnage.	Cleared.	No. Tonnage.
January, 1900 . .	98	138,011	101	110,637
January, 1899 . .	100	176,810	88	152,817

Passengers arrived, January, 1900 . . .	391
Passengers arrived, January, 1899 . . .	428

Award of Contract.

Street Department.

Proposals for furnishing spruce lumber (90 per cent. rough and 10 per cent. planed) between February 15, 1900, and February 1, 1901, for the Street Department, were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on Monday, February 12, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids. Per M.
South Boston District, No. 1—	
George L. Pearson	\$18 18
Curtis & Pope Lumber Company . .	18 90
East Boston District, No. 2—	
George L. Pearson	18 10
Curtis & Pope Lumber Company . .	20 00
Charlestown District, No. 3—	
George L. Pearson	17 67½
G. Fuller & Son	18 90
Curtis & Pope Lumber Company . .	19 00
Brighton District, No. 4—	
George L. Pearson	18 68½
G. Fuller & Son	19 50
Curtis & Pope Lumber Company . .	19 75
West Roxbury District, No. 5—	
George L. Pearson	19 19
Curtis & Pope Lumber Company . .	19 90
Dorchester District, No. 6—	
George L. Pearson	18 68½
Curtis & Pope Lumber Company . .	18 90
Roxbury District, No. 7—	
George L. Pearson	18 68½
Curtis & Pope Lumber Company . .	18 90
City Proper, District Nos. 8, 9 and 10—	
George L. Pearson	17 67½
Curtis & Pope Lumber Company . .	18 90

The contracts for all the districts were awarded to George L. Pearson.

B. T. WHEELER,
Superintendent of Streets.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

At its meeting on Monday, February 19, 1900, the Board of Aldermen voted to confirm the following-mentioned appointments made by Mayor Hart:

(1.) Charles H. Allen, to be a Commissioner of Sinking-funds, for the term ending April 30, 1900, and for the term ending April 30, 1903.

(2.) Frederic H. Nazro, to be an Overseer of the Poor, for the term ending April 30, 1902.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSPECTION OF VESSELS AND BALLAST DEPARTMENT.

The first annual report of a department for the year ending January 31, 1900, to be submitted to Mayor Hart, is that of the Inspection of Vessels and Ballast Department. The report constitutes Document 20—1900 and may be summarized as follows:

Three hundred and forty-nine vessels, with cargoes, delivered by them, amounting to 39,660 tons, were weighed, marked and inspected during the year.

Fees amounted to	\$1,983 00
Expenses of office	101 79

Net income	\$1,881 21
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The net income was divided by incumbents.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the City Clerk Department for the year ending January 31, 1900, constituting Document 9—1900, has been submitted to Mayor Hart in print. Following is an abstract of the report:

During the year the Board of Aldermen held sixty meetings, including ten special meetings. Of the 3,122 petitions and orders acted upon by the Board, forty were vetoed by the Mayor, five of which were passed over the veto.

The number of thoroughfares laid out as public streets and reported to the Department by the Board of Street Commissioners was fifty-five, not including eight public alleys.

Following is a list of the number of papers recorded, licenses issued, etc., during the year:

PAPERS RECORDED.

Mortgages, bills of sale, etc.	7,384
Assignments of wages	2,115
Married women's certificates	408
Liens on vessels	46
Fence viewers' certificates	3
Descriptions of devices and utensils used in trade	27

LICENSES ISSUED.

Amusements	190
Minors' licenses (newsboys, boot-blacks and pedlars)	3,671

MISCELLANEOUS.

Petitions and orders acted on by Board of Aldermen (1899)	3,122
Trustee writs and suits against the city	1,409
Number of jurors drawn by Board of Aldermen	1,575
Number of liquor license bonds filed, Laborers' liens filed	1,308
Assignments for benefit of creditors filed	192
Accident notices filed	137
Number of constables' bonds approved and on file	263
Permits for bay-windows issued	156
Petitions for assessments of damages by jury filed	47
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RETURNS OF ELECTION EXPENDITURES.

State Election:	
Number of statements filed	15
Total amount expended	\$21,996 90
City Election:	
Number of statements filed	14
Total amount expended	\$29,381 31

The expenditures of the Department for the year amounted to \$46,928.27; the receipts, \$6,310.60.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending February 17, 1900, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	21.2
Death rate for corresponding week, 1899,	20.4
Number of deaths:	
Males	114
Females	112
Total	226
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1899	213
Increase	13

Of the 226 decedents, 222 were white and 4 colored; 148 were born in the United States, 75 in foreign countries and the birthplace of 3 was unknown; 47 were of American parentage, 161 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 18 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	120	12
Scarlatina	41	12
Typhoid fever	6	2
Measles	77	—
Totals	244	26

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	27
Pneumonia	41
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	20
Bronchitis	5
Violent causes	13
Total from principal causes	107
Total from infectious diseases	26
Total from other causes	93

Total from all causes	226
Deaths of children under 1 year	27
Deaths of children under 5 years	64
Deaths of persons over 60 years	59
Deaths in public institutions	76

LECTURES AT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The free lectures to be given under the auspices of the Boston Public Library, of which announcement was made in last week's issue of THE CITY RECORD, will be delivered on the following dates, at 8 P.M., in the lecture-room of the Library, Boylston-street entrance:

March 12—Col. T. W. Higginson, "Education and the Public Library."

March 19—Mr. James L. Whitney, "Incidents in the Early History of the Boston Public Library." Mr. Otto Fleischner, "The Public Library and Art Education."

March 26—Rev. Jesse H. Jones, "Wendell Phillips." Address in connection with the presentation to the Library of a bronze bust of Wendell Phillips.

April 2—Mr. Lindsay Swift, "The Public Library in its relations to Literature." Mr. Worthington C. Ford, "The Public Library in its relations to the State."

April 11—Hon. William Everett, "Reminiscences of Hon. Edward Everett."

April 16—Mr. C. W. Ernst, "World Literature and the Postal Service."

April 23—Rev. E. E. Hale, "Benjamin Franklin."

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber on Monday, February 26, at 3 P.M.

Advertisements.**NOTICE.**

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

February 1, 1900.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 2 Saxton street, corner Savin Hill avenue, Ward 20, a bay-window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Savin Hill avenue. Dimensions: Twenty-five feet high, twelve and one-half feet wide, and three feet over line of street.

NATHAN G. GREEN.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

February 19, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the fifth day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition, with this order of notice thereon, in the *Dorchester Beacon* and *THE CITY RECORD*, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

E. J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

Attest:

E. J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.



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Room 71, City Hall,

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

At its meeting on Monday, February 26, 1900, the Board of Aldermen voted to confirm the following appointments made by the Mayor:

William D. Lang, to be Superintendent of Lamps, in place of James Donovan, resigned.

Winfield W. Hall, to be a Weigher of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

ABOLITION OF ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION DIVISION.

The following communication of Mayor Hart to the Superintendent of Public Buildings is self-explanatory:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 23 February, 1900.

DEAR SIR: Discharge without delay every member of the Electrical Construction Division not required for work now in hand. Report your action. Decline all new work or offers for repairs that may come to you connected with the Electrical Construction Division.

Complete all work now entrusted to the Electrical Construction Division, with reasonable dispatch, and discharge the force as work now in hand is being completed. You will make a concise report from time to time, and, if necessary, you may ask for additional instructions.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

Superintendent of Public Buildings.

ABOLITION OF REPAIR DIVISION.

Following are the letters of Mayor Hart to the Superintendent of Public Buildings and to the Chief of the Repair Division of that Department concerning the abolition of the Repair Division:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 28 February, 1900.

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

DEAR SIR: Please take immediate steps for the winding up of the Repair Division attached to your Department.

Discharge every employee not required to complete work in hand.

Complete all work of the Division as soon as possible, and reduce the force as the work diminishes.

Report your doings at short intervals. In all cases of doubt you may ask for instructions.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 28 February, 1900.

CHARLES LOGUE, Esq.

DEAR SIR: The Superintendent of Public Buildings has been instructed to wind up your Division. You are requested to cooperate for the good of the city.

Your Division is discontinued for reasons of business. Repairs can be had at less cost and greater convenience by going into the open market all over the city, than by applying to one office, however well managed. There is no reflection upon yourself in the discontinuance of the Repair Division. Your skill, zeal and good-standing are not called in question. The principle upon which your Division was established does

not appear to be applicable to city repairs, properly managed. One repair shop, however conducted, cannot answer the reasonable requirements of this vast city, with its great extent and manifold repairs.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEATH OF MR. LINUS E. PEARSON.

The death of Mr. Linus E. Pearson, Chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners, occurred at his home, 17 Albion place, Charlestown, Wednesday morning, February 28, 1900 after a lingering illness.

Mr. Pearson was born at Charlestown in 1836. From 1864 until 1874, when the city was annexed to Boston, he was City Treasurer of Charlestown. In 1874 Mayor Cobb appointed Mr. Pearson a member of the Board of Registrars of Voters, to which office he was successively reappointed, until 1895, when the Board of Registrars of Voters was succeeded by the present Board of Election Commissioners and Mr. Pearson was appointed a member by Mayor Curtis and designated as its Chairman. At the expiration of his term of office in May, 1899, he was reappointed by Mayor Quincy, and again made Chairman of the Board.

BOSTON'S COMMERCE IN 1899.

The following extracts concerning the commerce of the Port of Boston during 1899, are taken from advance sheets of the Fourteenth Annual Report of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, compiled by Mr. Elwyn G. Preston, Secretary:

The foreign commerce of the Port of Boston during 1899 surpasses all previous records, aggregating \$190,485,333. While only slightly greater than the extraordinary record of 1897, it exceeded that of 1898 by \$16,808,922. The figures in detail are as follows:

Exports, \$127,133,047, an increase of \$2,268,256 over 1898; imports, \$63,352,290, an increase of \$14,540,666 over 1898.

The exports were the largest in the history of the port. The imports, although showing a substantial gain over the previous year, were still much below those of the year 1897, when large quantities of wool and other dutiable goods were imported to escape the

increased duties about to be imposed under the Dingley tariff. The imports of that year amounted to \$85,688,149.

The "In-transit and Trans-shipment" trade passing through this port amounted to \$11,883,623, and was made up as follows:

Entered at Boston for trans-shipment to foreign countries, principally Canada, \$5,834,355; Canadian imports entered at various ports and exported to foreign countries via Boston, \$6,049,268.

With these additions the total foreign trade of the Port of Boston during 1899 is seen to be \$202,368,956. This does not include merchandise to the value of \$1,441,640 received at Boston and forwarded to interior points without appraisement.

As a port of export for various products classed as provisions, Boston continues to take a prominent place, over 30 per cent. of the entire exports of these products passing through this port. While the ports of New York and Baltimore, which are the principal competitors for this traffic, show a falling off, Boston made a substantial gain.

As a port for the export of live cattle Boston recovers the first place from which it was forced last year by New York, having during the past year exported 124,290 head, or 37 per cent. of the total from all ports.

In breadstuffs while every other prominent Atlantic and Gulf port, except Galveston, decreased, Boston made a gain.

The ocean tonnage entered and cleared at this port in the foreign trade aggregated 4,431,019 tons, an increase of 767,188 tons, or 21 per cent. over 1898. These figures do not include 128 vessels bound for Boston, that touched first at some other American port and were entered at the Custom House there. The greatest previous increase since the tonnage reached large proportions was in 1891 when a gain of 14 per cent. over the previous year was made.

This is an especially noteworthy showing when the withdrawals of tonnage by the British Government for use as transports in the South African service are considered. The tonnage of American vessels in the foreign carrying trade of this port while small in itself, aggregating but 464,869 tons, shows the remarkable increase over the previous year of 150 per cent. The total number of vessels arriving at Boston in the foreign trade, including the 128 above referred to, was 2,096, namely 1,249 steam and 847 sail, being an increase of 120 over the previous year. The arrivals at Boston in the coastwise trade numbered 10,304, an increase of 633 over 1898.

From the above figures it will be observed that there arrived at the Port of Boston each week during 1899 an average of 24 steamers and 16 sailing vessels in the foreign trade, and 198 vessels, steam and sail, in the coastwise trade.

The steamers taken from the Boston service by the British Government since September for use in transporting troops to South Africa were eleven in number, aggregating 52,332 tons net. Three smaller steamers were substituted to partially take their places, with a net tonnage of 9,811 tons, making a net loss of 42,521 tons. In addition two steamers were taken from Boston to fill vacancies caused by the withdrawals from the New York service and their places were filled by other steamers, causing a further net loss of 671 tons. The total

net loss of tonnage in the Boston service during the last four months of the year is, therefore, seen to be 43,192 tons. As these steamers would have averaged two and one-half trips each, the tonnage entered and cleared at the port was thereby reduced 215,960 tons by these withdrawals.

In connection with Boston's freight service there has been built up between this port and Liverpool during the past few years a passenger service of large and increasing proportions. The number of cabin passengers arriving at and sailing from this port in 1899 aggregated 13,934, which was an increase of 37 per cent. over the previous year. In addition there were carried 39,872 steerage passengers, as against 29,337 in 1898, an increase of 36 per cent.

COMMITTEES OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

The Joint Standing and Joint Special Committees of the City Council for 1900, together with the Standing Committees of each branch, as announced by the respective presiding officers, are made up as follows:

Joint Standing Committees of the City Council.

APPROPRIATIONS.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
Michael W. Norris, Franklin L. Codman, James H. Doyle, Frederick W. Day, Robert A. Jordan, Philip O'Brien, Joseph J. Norton, Michael J. O'Brien.	Daniel J. Kiley, William S. B. Stevens, Timothy L. Connolly, William M. Curtis, James A. Sweeney, William B. Jackson, Frank J. Linehan, William C. S. Healey.

ART DEPARTMENT.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
James H. Doyle, Wilbur F. Adams, Patrick Bowen, E. Peabody Gerry, Frederick W. Day.	George R. Miller, George A. Donahoe, Harry S. Upham, William C. S. Healey, John J. Curley, John C. Hurley, William B. Jackson, William J. Carley.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
Michael W. Norris, George H. Tinkham, Edward W. Dixon, E. Peabody Gerry, Michael J. O'Brien.	George A. Flynn, Walter E. Henderson, Andrew A. Badaracco, Harry S. Upham, Daniel J. Sheehan, Michael W. Kelley, William B. Jackson, William J. Carley.

AUDITING DEPARTMENT.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
James H. Doyle, George H. Tinkham, Philip O'Brien, Robert A. Jordan, Patrick Bowen.	William S. B. Stevens, Daniel J. Donnelly, Oliver F. Davenport, George H. Cadigan, Frank H. Howe, John H. Giblin, Patrick H. Bradley, Francis J. Doherty.

BATH DEPARTMENT.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
E. Peabody Gerry, Frederick W. Day, Michael W. Norris, Robert A. Jordan, Patrick Bowen.	William C. S. Healey, William G. Roemer, John H. Giblin, George H. Battis, William J. Carley, Harry S. Upham, John C. Hurley, Edward L. Logan.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
James H. Doyle, Philip O'Brien, Franklin L. Codman, Patrick Bowen, Michael J. O'Brien.	Edward A. Armistead, William H. Doyle, Frank E. Wells, George A. Donahoe, George H. Battis, William L. White, James M. Curley, William M. Curtis.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
Edward W. Dixon, Wilbur F. Adams, Joseph J. Norton, Franklin L. Codman, Michael J. O'Brien.	George H. Battis, Martin Leftovith, Herbert W. Burr, Frank J. Linehan, Edward A. Armistead, James H. Stone, William L. White, George A. Flynn.

CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
George H. Tinkham, Michael W. Norris, Frederick W. Day, E. Peabody Gerry, Philip O'Brien.	William O'S. Hennigan, Daniel L. Flanagan, George O. Wood, James M. Curley, Osborn A. Newton, Thomas A. Kelley, Clarence W. Sanderson, Edward L. Logan.

CITY MESSENGER DEPARTMENT.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
Michael W. Norris, Robert A. Jordan, Frederick W. Day, George H. Tinkham, Philip O'Brien.	John J. Tobin, William G. Roemer, Lawrence J. Kelly, George R. Miller, J. Frank O'Hare, Walter R. Mansfield, William H. Doyle, William M. Curtis.

CLAIMS.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
Robert A. Jordan, Edward W. Dixon, James H. Doyle, William F. Adams, Michael J. O'Brien.	Edward L. Logan, William L. Strickland, James McInerney, Harvey W. Walker, Charles A. Horrigan, J. Henry Smith, John P. Sullivan, Harry S. Upham.

CLERK OF COMMITTEES DEPARTMENT.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
Frederick W. Day, George H. Tinkham, Patrick Bowen, Robert A. Jordan, Michael W. Norris.	George A. Donahoe, William G. Roemer, John D. Fenton, George O. Wood, Frank E. Wells, Daniel J. Sheehan, Fred A. Emery, George A. Flynn.

COLLECTING DEPARTMENT.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
Philip O'Brien, E. Peabody Gerry, James H. Doyle, Wilbur F. Adams, Joseph J. Norton.	William H. Doyle, Clarence W. Sanderson, Edward L. Logan, Osborn A. Newton, John J. Curley, J. Henry Smith, William B. Jackson, James A. Sweeney.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
Wilbur F. Adams, Edward W. Dixon, Patrick Bowen, E. Peabody Gerry, Frederick W. Day.	Alfred F. Kinney, John H. Giblin, Arthur W. Dolan, George O. Wood, Patrick H. Bradley, Donald N. MacDonald, John J. Tobin, William McG. Grant.

ELECTION DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

Joseph J. Norton,
Robert A. Jordan,
James H. Doyle,
E. Peabody Gerry,
Patrick Bowen.

Councilmen.

Arthur K. Peck,
Thomas J. Grady,
Harvey W. Walker,
George H. Cadigan,
Frank J. Johnson,
Lawrence J. Kelly,
George H. Battis,
Clarence W. Starratt.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

Franklin L. Codman,
Philip O'Brien,
Michael W. Norris,
George H. Tinkham,
Edward W. Dixon.

Councilmen.

Martin Leftovith,
William E. Hannan,
J. Frank O'Hare,
William G. Roemer,
William E. Good,
Frederick W. Whiteley,
William O'S. Hennigan,
Harvey W. Walker.

FINANCE.

Aldermen.

Wilbur F. Adams,
Joseph J. Norton,
George H. Tinkham,
James H. Doyle,
E. Peabody Gerry,
Michael J. O'Brien.

Councilmen.

Daniel J. Kiley,
Clarence W. Sanderson,
James H. Stone,
Herbert W. Burr,
Frank J. Linehan,
David W. Simpson,
George A. Flynn,
William L. Strickland,
Arthur W. Dolan.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

Joseph J. Norton,
Franklin L. Codman,
Michael J. O'Brien,
Robert A. Jordan,
Patrick Bowen.

Councilmen.

John J. Curley,
William S. B. Stevens,
Patrick H. Bradley,
Walter E. Henderson,
William O'S. Hennigan,
Clarence W. Starratt,
George A. Flynn,
Thomas A. Kelley.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

E. Peabody Gerry,
Frederick W. Day,
James H. Doyle,
George H. Tinkham,
Philip O'Brien.

Councilmen.

Charles A. Horrigan,
Walter R. Mansfield,
Andrew A. Badaracco,
Frank S. Atwood,
John E. L. Monaghan,
Frank H. Howe,
William H. Doyle,
John C. Hurley.

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

E. Peabody Gerry,
Joseph J. Norton,
Michael W. Norris,
Wilbur F. Adams,
Michael J. O'Brien.

Councilmen.

Walter R. Mansfield,
Thomas A. Kelley,
James A. Sweeney,
George H. Battis,
Martin Leftovith,
Herbert W. Burr,
Andrew A. Badaracco,
Lawrence J. Kelly.

INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENTS.

Aldermen.

Robert A. Jordan,
Philip O'Brien,
James H. Doyle,
Franklin L. Codman,
Patrick Bowen.

Councilmen.

William B. Jackson,
James A. Sweeney,
Frank S. Atwood,
Samuel Kasanof,
Walter R. Mansfield,
Lawrence J. Kelly,
James M. Curley,
John H. Gblin.

LAMP DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

Frederick W. Day,
Franklin L. Codman,
James H. Doyle,
George H. Tinkham,
Michael W. Norris.

Councilmen.

David W. Simpson,
John J. Tobin,
Donald N. MacDonald,
James McInerney,
Fred A. Emery,
George H. Cadigan,
Frederick W. Whiteley,
William J. Carley.

LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.

Aldermen.

George H. Tinkham,
Michael W. Norris,
Robert A. Jordan,
James H. Doyle,
Frederick W. Day.

Councilmen.

Arthur K. Peck,
Thomas J. Grady,
Lawrence M. Stockton,
John E. L. Monaghan,
Harvey W. Walker,
Arthur W. Dolan,
George R. Miller,
William C. S. Healey.

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

Joseph J. Norton,
E. Peabody Gerry,
Patrick Bowen,
Wilbur F. Adams,
Michael J. O'Brien.

Councilmen.

William S. B. Stevens,
Charles A. Horrigan,
Daniel L. Flanagan,
Frank H. Howe,
John E. L. Monaghan,
Michael F. Hart,
J. Frank O'Hare,
Frederick W. Whiteley.

MARKET DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

James H. Doyle,
George H. Tinkham,
Patrick Bowen,
Philip O'Brien,
Edward W. Dixon.

Councilmen.

Andrew A. Badaracco,
Alfred F. Kinney,
J. Frank O'Hare,
William H. Nitz,
Frank J. Johnson,
William E. Hannan,
John J. Tobin,
James A. Sweeney.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

Franklin L. Codman,
Frederick W. Day,
Michael W. Norris,
Robert A. Jordan,
Joseph J. Norton.

Councilmen.

Daniel J. Sheehan,
George R. Miller,
William J. Carley,
Clarence W. Starratt,
William McG. Grant,
Michael W. Kelley,
James M. Curley,
Thomas J. Grady.

ORDINANCES AND LAW DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

George H. Tinkham,
Michael W. Norris,
Joseph J. Norton,
Franklin L. Codman,
Michael J. O'Brien.

Councilmen.

Daniel J. Kiley,
Lawrence M. Stockton,
Timothy L. Connolly,
William McG. Grant,
James H. Stone,
William H. Nitz,
Arthur W. Dolan,
Samuel Kasanof.

OVERSEEING OF THE POOR DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

Edward W. Dixon,
E. Peabody Gerry,
Frederick W. Day,
Wilbur F. Adams,
Philip O'Brien.

Councilmen.

Fred A. Emery,
Thomas J. Grady,
Frank S. Atwood,
George H. Cadigan,
Oliver F. Davenport,
William H. Doyle,
William H. Nitz,
Frank J. Johnson.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

Philip O'Brien,
Franklin L. Codman,
Frederick W. Day,
George H. Tinkham,
Michael J. O'Brien.

Councilmen.

Samuel Kasanof,
William McG. Grant,
Patrick H. Bradley,
William E. Hannan,
John J. Curley,
Walter E. Henderson,
Daniel J. Sheehan,
William G. Roemer.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

Edward W. Dixon,
Wilbur F. Adams,
James H. Doyle,
Michael W. Norris,
Joseph J. Norton.

Councilmen.

John P. Sullivan,
Donald N. MacDonald,
James A. Sweeney,
William McG. Grant,
Martin Leftovith,
George R. Miller,
Lawrence J. Kelly,
William H. Nitz.

PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

Patrick Bowen,
Franklin L. Codman,
Joseph J. Norton,
Wilbur F. Adams,
Michael J. O'Brien.

Councilmen.

Michael F. Hart,
William M. Curtis,
William L. White,
Edward A. Armistead,
William O'S. Hennigan,
Frederick W. Whiteley,
William C. S. Healey,
William H. Nitz.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

Patrick Bowen,
Robert A. Jordan,
Edward W. Dixon,
Wilbur F. Adams,
Michael J. O'Brien.

Councilmen.

Donald N. MacDonald,
Daniel L. Flanagan,
William B. Jackson,
John F. Gibbons,
Lawrence J. Kelly,
Samuel H. Mildram,
Frank J. Johnson,
Timothy L. Connolly.

PUBLIC GROUNDS DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

Michael W. Norris,
Franklin L. Codman,
Philip O'Brien,
George H. Tinkham,
Edward W. Dixon.

Councilmen.

Francis J. Doherty,
Frank S. Atwood,
William O'S. Hennigan,
Herbert W. Burr,
John P. Sullivan,
Walter E. Henderson,
John E. L. Monaghan,
John J. Tobin.

PUBLIC LANDS.

Aldermen.

Wilbur F. Adams,
Frederick W. Day,
Michael W. Norris,
Robert A. Jordan,
Patrick Bowen.

Councilmen.

Michael F. Hart,
George R. Battis,
Samuel Kasanof,
Samuel H. Mildram,
William L. White,
J. Henry Smith,
J. Frank O'Hare,
Fred A. Emery.

REGISTRY DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

Robert A. Jordan,
Joseph J. Norton,
E. Peabody Gerry,
Edward W. Dixon,
James H. Doyle.

Councilmen.

Frank J. Johnson,
George O. Wood,
George A. Donahoe,
Daniel J. Donnelly,
Alfred F. Kinney,
William L. Strickland,
John F. Gibbons,
David W. Simpson.

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Aldermen.

Philip O'Brien,
George H. Tinkham,
Edward W. Dixon,
Franklin L. Codman,
Michael J. O'Brien.

Councilmen.

William E. Good,
Arthur K. Peck,
John E. L. Monaghan,
Alfred F. Kinney,
John D. Fenton,
Frederick W. Whiteley,
Martin Leftovith,
Daniel J. Sheehan.

STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

Frederick W. Day,
Wilbur F. Adams,
James H. Doyle,
E. Peabody Gerry,
Patrick Bowen.

Councilmen.

William L. Strickland,
Daniel L. Flanagan,
Frank S. Atwood,
James M. Curley,
Oliver F. Davenport,
Francis J. Doherty,
Clarence W. Starratt,
William E. Good.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Aldermen.

Patrick Bowen,
Franklin L. Codman,
Edward W. Dixon,
Robert A. Jordan,
Michael J. O'Brien.

Councilmen.

Samuel H. Mildram,
Francis J. Doherty,
Frank H. Howe,
Thomas J. Grady,
Daniel L. Flanagan,
J. Henry Smith,
Michael W. Kelley,
George H. Cadigan.

STREET-LAYING OUT DEPARTMENT.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
Michael J. O'Brien, Wilbur F. Adams, Joseph J. Norton, Philip O'Brien, Patrick Bowen.	James McInerney, William E. Hannan, John J. Tobin, Arthur K. Peck, Thomas A. Kelley, Frank E. Wells, Thomas J. Grady, Frederick W. Whiteley.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
Franklin L. Codman, Frederick W. Day, E. Peahody Gerry, Philip O'Brien, Edward W. Dixon.	William S. B. Stevens, John J. Curley, William McG. Grant, John F. Gibbons, William H. Nitz, William C. S. Healey, Oliver F. Davenport, John P. Sullivan.

VESSELS AND BALLAST DEPARTMENT.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
Edward W. Dixon, Franklin L. Codman, James H. Doyle, Wilbur F. Adams, Joseph J. Norton.	David W. Simpson, Daniel J. Donnelly, Osborn A. Newton, Michael W. Kelley, Oliver F. Davenport, Francis J. Doherty, Clarence W. Sanderson, John C. Hurley.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
James H. Doyle, Robert A. Jordan, Patrick Bowen, George H. Tinkham, Michael W. Norris.	John D. Fenton, Clarence W. Starratt, William E. Good, Lawrence M. Stockton, John C. Hurley, Frederick W. Whiteley, William J. Carley, Michael F. Hart.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DEPARTMENT.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
Frederick W. Day, E. Peahody Gerry, Joseph J. Norton, George H. Tinkham, Philip O'Brien.	John F. Gibbons, Clarence W. Sanderson, Daniel J. Donnelly, George O. Wood, George A. Flynn, Herbert W. Burr, Daniel L. Flanagan, Alfred F. Kinney.

WIRE DEPARTMENT.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
Joseph J. Norton, Franklin L. Codman, Edward W. Dixon, Robert A. Jordan, Michael J. O'Brien.	William M. Curtis, John D. Fenton, Donald N. MacDonald, James McInerney, Frank H. Howe, John C. Hurley, Walter R. Mansfield, John P. Sullivan.

Joint Special Committees of the City Council.

RULES AND ORDERS.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
Michael J. O'Brien, Franklin L. Codman, Michael W. Norris, Wilbur F. Adams, Frederick W. Day.	Daniel J. Kiley, David W. Simpson, Arthur W. Dolan, Edward A. Armistead, Herbert W. Burr, James A. Sweeney, George A. Flynn, William L. White.

JULY FOURTH.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
Michael J. O'Brien, Frederick W. Day, Philip O'Brien, Edward W. Dixon, Patrick Bowen, Michael W. Norris,	Daniel J. Kiley, David W. Simpson, Frank J. Johnson, Charles A. Horrigan, John P. Sullivan, John F. Gibbons,

George H. Tinkham,
James H. Doyle,
Joseph J. Norton,
Wilbur F. Adams,
Franklin L. Codman,
Robert A. Jordan,
E. Peahody Gerry.

Patrick H. Bradley,
James A. Sweeney,
Michael F. Hart,
Samuel Kasanof,
Walter R. Mansfield,
Edward A. Armistead,
Donald N. MacDonald,
Frank J. Linehan,
George A. Donahoe,
William L. White,
Frank E. Wells,
Timothy L. Connolly,
William E. Good,
James McInerney,
Oliver F. Davenport,
William M. Curtis,
William L. Strickland,
J. Henry Smith,
Samuel H. Mildram,
Clarence W. Sanderson.

JUNE SEVENTEENTH.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
Philip O'Brien, Patrick Bowen, Franklin L. Codman, Frederick W. Day, George H. Tinkham, Wilbur F. Adams.	Charles A. Horrigan, Thomas A. Kelley, Arthur W. Dolan, Charles J. Doherty, George H. Cadigan, John F. Gibbons, William J. Carley, John P. Sullivan, John C. Hurley.

LABOR'S HOLIDAY.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
Joseph J. Norton, Franklin L. Codman, James H. Doyle, E. Peahody Gerry, Michael W. Norris, Edward W. Dixon.	J. Frank O'Hare, J. Henry Smith, John J. Tobin, Clarence W. Starratt, Martin Leftovith, Oliver F. Davenport, John D. Fenton, John F. Gibbons.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
E. Peahody Gerry, Frederick W. Day, Robert A. Jordan, Philip O'Brien, Wilbur F. Adams, Michael W. Norris.	Herbert W. Burr, William O'S. Hennigan, Walter R. Mansfield, George A. Donahoe, William S. B. Stevens, Michael F. Hart, Fred A. Emery, John H. Giblin.

MEMORIAL DAY.

<i>Aldermen.</i>	<i>Councilmen.</i>
Edward W. Dixon, George H. Tinkham, Patrick Bowen, Robert A. Jordan, James H. Doyle, Frederick W. Day.	Frank J. Linehan, Edward A. Armistead, William E. Hannan, Alfred F. Kinney, Michael W. Kelley, Andrew A. Badaracco, Harvey W. Walker, William J. Carley.

Standing Committees of the Board of Aldermen.

ARMORIES AND MILITARY AFFAIRS.

Edward W. Dixon, Robert A. Jordan,	Joseph J. Norton, George H. Tinkham.
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COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Michael J. O'Brien, Robert A. Jordan,	Joseph J. Norton, E. Peahody Gerry.
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ELECTRIC WIRES.

Joseph J. Norton, Franklin L. Codman,	Edward W. Dixon, Frederick W. Day.
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FANEUIL HALL.

Michael W. Norris, E. Peahody Gerry,	James H. Doyle, Philip O'Brien.
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LAMPS.

Frederick W. Day, Wilbur F. Adams,	James H. Doyle, George H. Tinkham.
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LICENSES.

Patrick Bowen, Wilbur F. Adams,	Michael W. Norris, E. Peahody Gerry.
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MARKETS.

James H. Doyle, George H. Tinkham,	Patrick Bowen, Philip O'Brien.
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RAILROADS.

Franklin L. Codman, Edward W. Dixon,	Joseph J. Norton, Wilbur F. Adams.
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INSPECTION OF PRISONS.

Philip O'Brien, James H. Doyle,	Robert A. Jordan, Patrick Bowen.
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STATE AID.

Edward W. Dixon, Frederick W. Day,	E. Peahody Gerry, Michael W. Norris.
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Standing Committees of the Common Council.

JUDICIARY.

Lawrence M. Stockton, Arthur W. Dolan, Harvey W. Walker,	Edward L. Logan, Harry S. Upham.
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ELECTIONS.

Harvey W. Walker, James M. Curley, John H. Giblin,	Samuel H. Mildram, Thomas J. Grady.
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CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION

Boston, February 26, 1900.

A meeting of the Cambridge Bridge Commission was held Monday, February 26, 1900, at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Boston, at 3 P.M.

Present: All the members.

The Commission examined models of proposed piers of the new bridge, and conferred with Mr. Edmund M. Wheelwright in regard to the work done by him as consulting architect.

On motion, further consideration of these matters was postponed until the next meeting.

A communication (addressed to Commissioner Champlin) was received from Senator George F. Hoar, enclosing a copy of the report of Gen. John M. Wilson, Chief of Engineers, to the Secretary of War on Senate Bill No. 2862, entitled "A Bill to authorize the Cambridge Bridge Commission to construct a Drawless Bridge across the Charles River, in the State of Massachusetts."

Placed on file.

Adjourned, on motion of Commissioner Champlin, to meet on Friday, March 2, 1900, at 4 P.M.

EDGAR R. CHAMPLIN, Secretary.

SECRETARY TO SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Mr. Edward P. Sands, of Ward 12, has been appointed to the newly created office of Private Secretary to the Superintendent of Streets, his duties to commence on March 1.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., Monday, February 26, 1900, Chairman O'Brien presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages from the Mayor were received:

Foot Bridge, Rosseter Street and Bowdoin Avenue.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 26 February, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the City Engineer, in answer to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of constructing a foot-bridge connecting Rosseter street with Bowdoin avenue, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT,

50 City Hall, February 26, 1900.

TO THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

SIR: In compliance with the following order of the Board of Aldermen: "That the City Engineer, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish this Board at its earliest convenience, with an estimate as to the probable cost for constructing a foot-bridge over the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad at Mt. Bowdoin, connecting Rosseter street with Bowdoin avenue," I have to say that the estimated cost of a steel span foot-bridge is \$6,300.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Transfers to Department Appropriations.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 26 February, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the City Auditor, submitting a list of transfers to department appropriations, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

AUDITING DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, February 26, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: In compliance with the order of the Board of Aldermen, passed February 19, 1900, I herewith submit a statement of all transfers to department appropriations from December 15, 1899, to January 31, 1900.

Respectfully,

JAMES H. DODGE, City Auditor.

Transfers to Department Appropriations from December 15, 1899, to January 31, 1900:

From	To	Amount.
Surplus revenue, Auditing Department		\$700 00
Surplus revenue, Bath Department		3,751 02
Surplus revenue, Cemetery Department		171 88
Surplus revenue, City Clerk Department		237 07
Surplus revenue, Clerk of Committees Department		169 33
Surplus revenue, Engineering Department		69 46
Surplus revenue, Fire Department		18,000 00
Surplus revenue, Health Department		20 76
Surplus revenue, Parental School		1,706 42
Surplus revenue, House of Reformation, Rainsford Island		463 46
Surplus revenue, Boston Insane Hospitals		500 00
Surplus revenue, Insane in State Institutions		1,746 01
Surplus revenue, steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee"		1,396 74
Surplus revenue, Lamp Department		8,915 35
Surplus revenue, Law Department		287 20
Surplus revenue, Mayor		3,521 49
Surplus revenue, Police Department		2,010 83
Surplus revenue, Public Buildings Department		46,302 62
Surplus revenue, Public Grounds Department		3,444 47
Surplus revenue, Sinking-funds Department		104 87
Surplus revenue, Street Department, Paving Division		93,119 36
Art Department, Street Department, Paving Division		711 46
Board of Estimate and Apportionment, Street Department, Paving Division		514 71
Building Department, Street Department, Paving Division		154 68
Board of Appeal, Street Department, Paving Division		240 00
City Clerk Department, Street Department, Paving Division		8 80
City Messenger Department, Street Department, Paving Division		13
Reference Library, Street Department, Paving Division		1 00
Election Department, Street Department, Paving Division		5,614 18
Fire Department, Street Department, Paving Division		406 81
Institutions Registration Department, Street Department, Paving Division		12 01
Market Department, Street Department, Paving Division		59 26
Public Celebrations and Lectures, Street Department, Paving Division		84 34
Music Department, Street Department, Paving Division		78 18
Overseeing of the Poor Department, Street Dept., Paving Division		518 38
Registry Department, Street Department, Paving Division		48 47
Soldiers' Relief Department, Street Department, Paving Division		2,734 46
Statistics Department, Street Department, Paving Division		2,199 77
Street Department, Central Office, Street Department, Paving Division		59
Street Department, Bridge Division, Street Department, Paving Division		427 78
Street Department, Cambridge Bridge Division, Street Department, Paving Division		1 82
Street Department, Ferry Division, Street Department, Paving Division		677 13

From	To	Amount.
Street Department, Sanitary Division, Street Department, Paving Division		\$2,892 19
Street Department, Watering Division, Street Department, Paving Division		430 42
Weights and Measures Department, Street Department, Paving Division		44 20
Wire Department, Street Department, Paving Division		230 30
House of Correction, Deer Island, Street Department, Paving Division		2,146 21
House of Correction, South Boston, Street Department, Paving Division		997 20
Surplus revenue, Street Department, Street-cleaning Division		7,813 27
Surplus revenue, Street Laying-out Department		230 37
Surplus revenue, Treasury Department		692 53
Surplus revenue, Weights and Measures Department		350 00
Surplus revenue, Penal Institutions Department, office expenses		386 72
Surplus revenue, County of Suffolk		15,792 71

Ordered printed and place on file.

Water Used by Departments.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 26 February, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: The practice of collecting water rates from the several departments has been neither uniform nor successful. To simplify practice, and to do away with old bills that cannot be collected, it is desired that an order like the enclosed be passed. As the city does not charge taxes or insurance to departments, it may as well discontinue water charges, especially because they cannot be fully collected. The order is a matter of form and book-keeping rather than of substance. Hereafter, as heretofore, the public will pay for all water consumed by Departments.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

February 26, 1900.

Ordered, That the City Collector collect no bill for water furnished by the Water Department, to any city or school department and that the Water Commissioner withdraw and cancel all such bills, and hereafter make no bill and collect no charge for the use of water by any city or school department.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Friday, February 23, 1900, at 7.45 P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

The following messages from the Mayor were received:

Ferry Head-House — Police Protection.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 16 February, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: Enclosed herewith is a communication from the Board of Police in reference to your order requesting them to cause the ferry head-houses on the East Boston side to be connected with Police Station 7.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

February 13, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: Referring to the order passed by the Common Council on February 8, in regard to the ferry head-houses on the East Boston side being connected with Police Station 7, that officers may be called or notified in case of an emergency, I desire to say in behalf of the Board that we have to-day instructed our officers to see that the same is accomplished.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

ROBERT F. CLARK, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Shower Baths at Charlesbank Gymnasium.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 23 February, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Park Commissioners in answer to your order requesting them to continue the shower baths heretofore furnished at the Charlesbank Gymnasium is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

February 21, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: I have received the enclosed copy of the order of the Common Council, requesting the Park Commissioners to continue the privileges of shower baths at the Charlesbank Gymnasium.

As an economical measure we have substituted spray tubes for the shower baths, but we are confident that they are quite as effective as the shower baths, and will prove in time quite as satisfactory to the public.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Disposal of Water Department Property.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 23 February, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Water Commissioner is transmitted here-

with, in answer to your order requesting information as to whether or not he has disposed of any of the property of the Water Department without the sanction of the City Council.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

WATER DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, February 19, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: In response to the order of the Common Council of February 15, 1900, requesting the Water Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, to furnish the Common Council with information as to whether or not he has disposed of any of the property of the Water Department without the sanction of the City Council, I would say that I have not disposed of any such property without first obtaining the approval of the Mayor, in accordance with the requirements of the city ordinances.

Respectfully,

A. P. MARTIN,

Water Commissioner.

Referred to the Committee on Water Department when appointed.

Fellows Street Playground — Flooding for Skating.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 23 February, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Water Commissioner in answer to your order, requesting him to flood the Fellows-street playground, with a view to making it suitable for skating, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

WATER DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, February 21, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: In reference to attached order of the Common Council, passed February 15, 1900, instructing the Water Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, to flood the playground bounded by Fellows street, Hunneman street, and Fellows place, in Ward 17, for skating purposes, our Superintendent, to whom the matter was referred, reports that he would not advise flooding said playground, on account of the liability to damage from water entering cellars in the vicinity, in view of which I have deemed it inexpedient to carry out the instructions contained in the order.

Respectfully,

A. P. MARTIN,

Water Commissioner.

Placed on file.

Paving Streets — Estimated Cost.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 23 February, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Acting Superintendent of Streets is transmitted herewith in answer to orders of your honorable body requesting estimates of the cost of constructing Geneva avenue and of paving Beach street, B street and Washington street, Ward 22.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, February 23, 1900.

TO THE MAYOR OF BOSTON:

In accordance with requests contained in inclosed orders of the Common Council, I beg to submit the following estimates of cost of construction of certain streets. These do not include cost of construction of portions of streets occupied by street railway tracks, which would be paid by the street railway company:

Geneva avenue. Bowdoin street to Grove Hall (not including intersection of Columbia road):	
Street construction, based on proposed widening and relocation between Bowdoin street and Columbia road, making street fifty feet in width	\$32,200
New England Railroad bridge over Geneva avenue	30,000
Total cost	\$62,200
Additional cost of artificial stone sidewalks, if constructed	7,100
Total cost, including artificial stone sidewalks	\$69,300
Beach street. Harrison avenue to Atlantic avenue:	
Paving and regulating	\$11,200
B street. West First street to Congress street:	
Paving and regulating	\$60,100
Washington street. Ward 22, School street to Green street:	
Paving and regulating	\$37,600
Setting edgestones and laying brick sidewalks and block gutters where not already constructed, included in estimate for paving and regulating	\$15,700

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. PAYSON,

Acting Superintendent of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on Finance, when appointed.

Embankment Walls, Park Street, Ward 20.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 23 February, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the City Engineer in answer to your order requesting information as to the safety of the

embankment walls on Park street, Ward 20, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT,

50 City Hall, February 20, 1900.

TO THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

SIR: In compliance with the following order of the City Council: "That the City Engineer be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to make report to the Common Council in regard to the safety of the embankment walls on Park street, Ward 20, near Washington street, and if the same are found to be in an unsafe condition, that that part of the street be fenced off until repairs are made," an examination has been made of the walls on Park street, Dorchester, near Washington street.

The wall on the southerly side of the street is from four to five feet in height above the street with a bank sloping upwards from the top of it to a height of several feet, the earth covering the top of the wall. It is built of Roxbury stone rubble, the face being pointed with mortar. This wall seems to be in good condition, except that for about 300 feet of its length the top stones have, in many cases, been crowded forward by frost and are likely to fall. These stones should be relaid or replaced by larger stones.

On the northerly side of the street the wall extends from Washington street nearly to Greenbrier street, except where it was removed on account of the recent construction of Ridge road. This wall is from five to twelve feet in height and is of very cheap construction. It is of Roxbury stone rubble, laid dry, with many large stones in its face, with a great many pinners, some of the latter having fallen out. Where the wall has been removed its cross section can be plainly seen. It is, at this point, four feet wide at the bottom, and three feet wide at the top, with a height of about ten feet; there is no ballast in the rear, and the back filling seems to be of clay or hard pan. A few feet back from the top there is a close row of trees.

Notwithstanding the poor construction of this wall it seems to have stood very well except at one point, for a length of about thirty feet, where it is about eight feet high. Here it has bulged outward, the upper part ver hanging about twelve inches in the centre of this length of thirty feet. This portion of the wall can probably move still further without falling, but I think it should be rebuilt. There seems to be to no reason as far as the safety of the public traveling on the street is concerned why anything should be done to the rest of the wall, though it is far from being a first class wall.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Referred to the Committee on Street Department, when appointed.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, March 5, 1900, at 3 P.M.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

February 20, 1900.

General Order No. 668.

I. Reserve Officer William A. Sayward, of Division 3, having been commended by his captain for diligence and prompt action on the evening of February 16, current, in arresting a robber on the Common, he is hereby commended in General Orders, appointed a patrolman in the police force of the City of Boston, and assigned for duty at the same division.

II. Reserve Officer Howard J. West, of Division 5, having been commended by his captain for tact and diligence shown in assisting in the arrest of thieves on the eleventh of February, current, one of whom was identified as the robber of the store of George Patch, 18 Clarendon street, he is hereby commended in General Orders, appointed a patrolman in the police force of the City of Boston, and assigned for duty at the same division.

III. The following-named police officers having been commended by their captains for diligence shown in arresting persons for violation of the caucus and election laws in September and November, 1899, are hereby commended in General Orders:

Division 1 — Patrolman William J. Rooney and Patrolman George H. McCaffrey.

Division 3 — Sergt. James J. Walkins.

Division 5 — Sergt. John P. Clark, Patrolman Andrew H. McCarthy, Patrolman James Knowles and Patrolman Jeremiah J. Crowley.

Division 9 — Lieut. William O. Libby and Patrolman Edgar H. Palmer.

Division 10 — Patrolman John W. Kilday.

Division 12 — Patrolman Michael J. Greeley.

Division 15 — Lieut. James J. Curry and Patrolman James J. Hoy.

Headquarters — Patrolman George W. Patterson.

IV. In the matter of the complaint made by John J. Perkins, on October 17, 1898, against Patrolman Richard Fitzgerald, of Division 6, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, the Board orders that the complaint be dismissed, the complainant having failed to appear at the time and place appointed for the hearing.

V. The reserve police officers mentioned in Sections I. and II. of this order will report at the chief clerk's office, headquarters, at 9.30 o'clock A.M., Friday, the twenty-third instant, to be sworn.

February 21, 1900.

General Order No. 669.

Patrolman Abner Blackburn, of Division 13, having arrived at the age of sixty-five years, having performed faithful service in the Police Department for twenty-seven years, being an honorably discharged soldier of the War of the Rebellion, and having requested to be retired from active service under the provisions of Chapter 172 of the Acts of 1898, it is, therefore, hereby

Ordered, That the said Patrolman Blackburn be retired from active service in the Police Department, placed upon the pension-roll, and allowed the sum of \$600 per annum, to be paid monthly; said sum being one-half

of the amount of compensation received by him at the time of his retirement; said retirement to take effect at roll-call, 5.45 o'clock P.M., Thursday, the twenty-second instant.

February 23, 1900.

General Order No. 670.

Commencing Thursday, March 1, 1900, and thereafter, the two night sergeants at each station will alternate with each other from night to night in the first half of the night and second half of the night tours of duty.

Sergeants will as heretofore do one month's day duty and two months' night duty. The captain will direct a night sergeant at each station, and thereafter each sergeant consecutively, for one month each, in the making of all applications for search warrants. Such sergeant shall be held responsible by his captain to the Board for the secret keeping and serving of the warrants, and shall serve the same, except when exceptional circumstances make it necessary to serve a warrant at a time when such sergeant cannot be present.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending February 24, 1900, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	21.3
Death rate for corresponding week, 1899	24.5
Number of deaths:	
Males	120
Females	107
Total	227
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1899	255
Decrease	28

Of the 227 decedents, 223 were white and 4 colored; 152 were born in the United States, 72 in foreign countries and the birthplace of 3 was unknown; 59 were of American parentage, 143 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 25 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	76	9
Scarlatina	43	5
Typhoid fever	3	—
Measles	47	1
Totals	169	15

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	22
Pneumonia	42
Whooping cough	4
Heart disease	27
Bronchitis	5
Marasmus	4
Violent causes	8
Total from principal causes	112
Total from infectious diseases	15
Total from other causes	100
Total from all causes	227
Deaths of children under 1 year	41
Deaths of children under 5 years	68
Deaths of persons over 60 years	61
Deaths in public institutions	49

LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

The following bills concerning the City of Boston have been introduced in the Massachusetts Legislature, and have been referred to appropriate committees:

In the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 924 accompanies the petition of Marcus C. Cook; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Provide for a Greater Boston by permitting Towns and Cities adjoining to be Annexed by Concurrent Vote.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Any city or town which now adjoins or may hereafter adjoin the City of Boston, and whose nearest boundary is within ten miles of the State House, and any city or town which touches the seashore between Marblehead and Hull (inclusive of said towns), may become annexed to the City of Boston by concurrent vote of both municipalities, as provided in this act.

Sect. 2. The City Council of any annexable city shall, on petition of a number of legal voters of said city equal to 10 per cent. of the total number of votes cast for a Mayor at the last previous annual municipal election, cause to be submitted to the voters of said city the question of annexation to the City of Boston; such submission to take place on such day as City Council may determine, duly notified for that purpose, not later than the third Tuesday of September next following the filing of said petition.

The Selectmen of any annexable town shall in like manner, on petition of a number of legal voters of said town equal to 10 per cent. of the total number of votes cast for Selectmen at the last previous annual town meeting, cause to be submitted to the voters of such town the question of annexation to the City of Boston duly notified for that purpose; such submission to take place on the annual town meeting next following the filing of said petition. If upon the submission of such question in any city or town the majority of the votes cast are in favor of annexation, the Mayor or Selectmen shall immediately give notice thereof to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Boston, and the question of admitting such city or town shall be submitted to the legal voters of the City of Boston at the next annual State election. Four weeks prior to said election the Mayor of the City of Boston shall cause notice to be given by publication in three or more daily papers published in said city that said question will be submitted, and said notice shall be so published on ten separate days before the day of such annual State election.

Sect. 3. In case of a concurrent vote on the question of annexation, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston shall immediately cause to be appointed an annexation committee consisting of three persons, the Mayor of said city to be one member of said committee. A like committee shall be appointed in a like manner by any city that has been accepted by the City of Boston. In case of any town that has been accepted by the City of Boston a like committee shall be appointed in a like manner by the Selectmen of said town, the Chairman of the Board to be one member of said committee; and all

matters to be determined in connection with annexation, and for whose determination no provision is otherwise made in this act, shall be settled by said committee acting jointly. The Mayor of the City of Boston shall appoint the first meeting of the joint committee. A majority of the joint committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sect. 4. If a majority of the legal voters of the City of Boston, at such election, vote in favor of annexation, such annexation shall take full effect, in accordance with the terms of this act, from and after the first Monday of January next following; and said annexed territory from and after said date, shall form a part of the City of Boston.

Sect. 5. If a majority of the legal voters either in the annexable municipality or in the City of Boston, do not vote in favor of annexation, no proposition of annexation shall be again submitted until after two municipal years have intervened. The result of the vote in any case shall be certified by the proper officers of the respective municipalities to the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Sect. 6. When a concurrent vote in favor of annexation is passed under this act the officers of the municipality which is to be annexed shall continue to hold their offices until the first Monday of January following, but no new officers shall be elected or appointed for said municipality after said vote except to fill vacancies until said first Monday of January. The term of office of all such officers, except as herein otherwise provided, shall expire on said first Monday of January.

Sect. 7. When a concurrent vote in favor of annexation is passed under this act the City Council of the City of Boston shall proceed forthwith to divide the annexed territory into wards, or to declare that the whole new territory shall constitute one ward, or to annex said new territory to an existing ward; and if said Council fails to take such action within two weeks from the date of such concurrent vote, the Mayor of the City of Boston shall forthwith make such division or shall declare such territory to be one ward or to be annexed to an existing ward. No wards shall be created out of said new territory with a population less than that of the least populous existing ward in said city; and if the whole population of said new territory is less than said minimum it shall be annexed to one of the contiguous existing wards of said city, and form a part thereof. No ward in said new territory shall have a greater population than the most populous existing ward in said city: provided, that if a division upon the basis of said maximum leaves a fraction too small to be created a ward by itself, such fraction may be annexed to any other ward or wards of said new territory. The division made under this section shall remain in force until the next regular division of the whole city into wards.

Sect. 8. Each new ward established under the provisions of the preceding section shall be entitled to all the municipal and ward officers to which each of the other wards of the City of Boston is entitled; and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston shall in due season divide the new wards into voting precincts, establish polling places, issue their

warrants for meetings of the legal voters of said wards respectively to be held on the day of the annual city election in the year in which such concurrent vote is passed, and proceed in all respects so far as possible as to such new wards as in the case of the other wards of said city. And the citizens of the annexed territory shall have the same right to be registered and to vote for municipal officers of the City of Boston at such election as they would have had if the annexed territory had formed part of the City of Boston for more than six months next before said election. All matters necessary to be determined in connection with the conduct of said election with reference to which no provision is made by law shall be determined by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston.

Sect. 9. When territory annexed to the City of Boston under this act is, at the time of annexation, situated in another county, the Supreme Judicial Court shall, on petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston or the County Commissioners of the county concerned, appoint a board of three special commissioners, who shall determine what proportion of the indebtedness, if any, of such other county shall be assumed by the County of Suffolk, and what amount shall be annually contributed from the treasury of the County of Suffolk to the treasury of such other county on account of expenses incurred by such other county in maintaining judicial, correctional and other institutions within the limits of the City of Boston under the provisions of Section 12 of this act.

The award of said special commissioners, when accepted by said court, shall be binding upon all parties; but the question of the annual contribution may be reopened from time to time, upon petition to the Supreme Judicial Court by the Mayor of the City of Boston or the County Commissioners of the county concerned, and the amount of such annual contribution may be readjusted: provided, that no such application for a readjustment shall be made until two years have elapsed since the date of the last adjustment.

Sect. 10. When there is a public library in any municipality annexed to the City of Boston under this act, such library, with the books, documents, pictures and other objects which now or hereafter may belong thereto, shall be continued and kept within the limits of said former municipality, and it shall have the benefit of all gifts or legacies heretofore or hereafter made in its behalf.

Sect. 11. Except as above provided, all the public property of the annexed municipality shall be vested in and become the property of the City of Boston; and said City of Boston shall succeed to all the rights, claims, causes of action, rights to uncollected taxes, liens, uses, trusts, duties, privileges and immunities of said annexed municipality. The Treasurer of said annexed municipality shall, on or before the second Monday of January next following the concurrent vote of annexation, under the direction of the Mayor and Aldermen or Selectmen of said municipality, who shall for this purpose and for all other purposes necessary to carry into full effect the provisions of this act, continue to hold their offices over, transfer, deliver, pay over and account for to the City Treasurer of the City of Boston all books, papers, moneys and other property in his possession as Treasurer of said annexed municipality on the first Monday of January next following

the concurrent vote of annexation; and the City of Boston shall become liable for and subject to all the debts, obligations, duties, responsibilities and liabilities of the annexed municipality. All actions and causes of action which may be pending, or which shall have accrued at the date of annexation in behalf of or against said annexed municipality, shall survive and may be prosecuted to final judgment and execution in behalf or against the City of Boston.

Sect. 12. When territory annexed to the City of Boston under this act is at the time of annexation situated in another county, it shall continue to be treated as a part of such other county in respect to the following matters:

First—In respect to the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the courts.

Second—In respect to the Registry of Deeds.

Third—In respect to commitments to penal and correctional institutions and jails.

Fourth—In respect to the ownership, maintenance and administration of all buildings and places used for courts, for the Registry of Deeds and for county, penal and correctional institutions and jails; and

Fifth—In respect to the election of the following officers: District-attorney, clerks of courts, register of probate and insolvency, register of deeds, and sheriff.

In all other respects except those above enumerated, and for all purposes of taxation and all purposes of municipal administration, the annexed territory shall form a part of the County of Suffolk and City of Boston. If there is any police court in the annexed territory, bearing the name of the town or city in which it is situated, the word "district" shall be substituted for the word "city" or "town" in the title of such court after annexation.

Sect. 13. Until a different provision is made by law any territory annexed to the City of Boston under this act shall continue to be, for the purpose of electing Representatives in Congress, Councillors and Senators and Representatives in the General Court, part of the same districts in which it was situated before annexation. All the duties required to be performed by the Mayor, Aldermen and City Clerk or by the Selectmen and Town Clerk of a city or town so annexed, pertaining to the election of Representatives in Congress, Councillors and Senators and Representatives in the General Court shall, after the date of annexation, in like manner devolve upon and be performed by the Board of Aldermen and City Clerk of the City of Boston.

Sect. 14. When any city or town is annexed to the City of Boston under this act, the legal voters residing within the territory constituting such city or town at the time of annexation shall continue thereafter to exercise the same control over the granting of liquor licenses within such territory as before annexation. The votes cast in the precincts into which such former city or town is divided, upon being admitted to the City of Boston, shall be returned and counted like other votes in the City of Boston; but the result shall be declared separately, and when a majority of the votes cast in the precincts situated in such former city or town is against granting liquor licenses, no licenses shall be granted to be exercised within the

limits of such former city or town during the ensuing municipal year.

Sect. 15. In the year 1905 the question of annexation shall be submitted to the voters of each annexable city and town without petition of the voters therefor. In towns which are then annexable the submission to popular vote shall be made at the annual town meeting. In cities which are then annexable the submission shall be made at a special election, appointed by City Council, to be held not later than the third Tuesday of September. If upon such submission a majority of the voters present and voting thereon favor annexation, the question of admitting such city or town shall be submitted to the voters of the City of Boston on the day of the annual State election in such year; and if a majority of the voters present and voting thereon in the City of Boston favor such admission, subsequent proceedings shall be had substantially as provided in this act, and such annexation shall take full effect from and after the first Monday of January next following.

Sect. 16. Nothing contained in this act shall impair the obligation of contracts; and the property and inhabitants of any territory annexed to the City of Boston shall continue liable to the creditors of said municipality and of the county of which it formed a part in like manner as if this act had not been passed; provided, that any person compelled to pay a debt of said municipality or county shall have a right to reimbursement respectively from the City of Boston and the county from which said municipality was severed.

Sect. 17. The term "municipality," as used in this act, shall include both towns and cities. The term "executive officers" shall mean in the case of a town the Selectmen, and in the case of a city the Mayor. The expression "date of annexation" shall mean the first Monday of January following a concurrent vote in favor of annexation passed under the provisions of this act.

Sect. 18. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 927 accompanies the petition of Thomas N. Hart, Mayor; referred to the Committee on Taxation. It is entitled: An Act relative to the Rate of Taxation and Indebtedness of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Acts of 1885, Chapter 312, Section 1, is hereby amended by striking out in the first and second lines thereof the words "except the City of Boston."

Sect. 2. Acts of 1885, Chapter 178, is hereby repealed.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 939 accompanies the petition of Richard Brison; referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. It is entitled: An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to license Business Brokers.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Police for the City of Boston may grant licenses to suitable persons who have resided within said city for a period of six months prior to the filing of the application for such license, to be business brokers within said city for the term of one year, and shall receive therefor, to the use of the city, a fee of \$5.

Sect. 2. Each business broker shall, if required, give bonds in a reasonable penal sum, and with sufficient sureties, to the Treasurer of the city, with condition that he shall in all things conform to the laws relating to business brokers.

Sect. 3. Such license shall be subject to the provisions of Sections 124 to 127 inclusive of Chapter 102 of the Public Statutes, and shall not be transferable without consent of the licensing board.

Sect. 4. The Board of Police may make such other rules as may be deemed necessary for the regulation of business brokers, the violation of which shall subject the licensee to a forfeiture of his license.

Sect. 5. Whoever, not being licensed, carries on such business or is concerned therein, or represents himself to be licensed, within said city, or, being licensed, carries on such business, or is concerned therein, in any other place or manner than that designated in his license, or after notice to him that his license is revoked, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$200, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sect. 6. Nothing in this act shall be so construed as to interfere with the existing legal rights of any person to sell or dispose of any interest he may have in any property, or of any person to act without compensation for the owner of any interest in property, nor shall the provisions of this act apply to attorneys, executors, administrators, sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, or any person whose fiduciary or official duty may include the selling or disposing of any kind of property.

Sect. 7. This act shall take effect on the first day of April, in the year 1900.

House Bill No. 974 was introduced on leave by Mr. Emerson of Boston; referred to the Committee on Cities. It is entitled: An Act relative to the Pensioning of Members of the Police Force of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Police of the City of Boston shall, at his own request, retire from active service and place upon a pension-roll any member in good standing of the Police Department who has performed active service in said Department for twenty-five consecutive years.

Sect. 2. The amount of annual pension allowed to any person retired under the provisions of this act shall be one-half of the compensation received by him at the time of such retirement, the same to be paid by the City of Boston.

Sect. 3. The provisions of this act are in addition to and not in repeal of any act now in force relative to pensioning members of the said force.

House Bill No. 994 accompanies the petition of William S. McNary; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Provide Improved Access to and from South Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Treasurer of the City of Boston, for the purpose of paying the expenses incurred in laying out, locating anew,

altering, widening and constructing highways in the City of Boston, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1891, and of acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, shall from time to time, on request of the Mayor, issue and sell negotiable bonds or certificates of indebtedness of said city to the amount of 1,000,000 in addition to the amounts already authorized for said purposes, and said bonds and certificates shall not be reckoned in determining the limit of indebtedness of said city; provided, however, that the proceeds of said bonds and certificates shall be expended, first, for the laying out and construction of a better connection between Broadway and Summer street, either by an extension of Atlantic avenue extension, as laid out, substantially over the line of Lehigh street, formerly so called, to Broadway at some point near the Boston end of Broadway bridge, or by the widening of Albany and Kingston streets between said Broadway and Summer street; second, for the extension of said Broadway to Copley square by the laying out and construction of a street or avenue from some point on said Broadway in the city proper to said Copley square, in part over existing streets, in part over the road-beds of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad and the Boston and Albany Railroad, and in part over private property, or over any of them.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House Bill No. 1013 accompanies the petition, taken from the files of last year, of Walter L. Sears; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Provide a More Equitable Method of raising Money for the Maintenance of the Water Department of the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Water Commissioner for the City of Boston shall annually during the month of January, beginning in the year 1899, furnish the Mayor and City Council of said city with an estimate of the amount of money required for his Department during the next financial year.

Sect. 2. The City Council of said city shall levy a general tax on all real estate as hereinafter provided, beginning on the first day of February in the year 1899 and annually thereafter, a sum estimated to be sufficient to pay for all expenditures of the said Water Department of the said city for the aforesaid financial year.

Sect. 3. Beginning in the year 1899, and annually thereafter, the Board of Assessors of said city shall assess by a general tax levied upon all real estate such amount as the City Council, with the approval of the Mayor, may deem sufficient to meet all expenditures of said Department; and all moneys so raised shall be placed to the credit of said Water Department.

Sect. 4. Said Board of Assessors shall assess, and the City Collector shall collect such water rates existing, or as may be established by said Water Commissioner, with the approval of the Mayor, for all water used for mechanical purposes in the same manner as at present, and the revenue derived from such collections shall be placed to the credit of the Water Department, to meet interest

on debt, or sinking-fund requirements of said Water Department, as the Mayor may determine.

Sect. 5. On and after the first day of January, in the year 1899, water for domestic purposes shall be furnished free by the City of Boston to its inhabitants; and the aforesaid Board of Assessors, together with the Water Commissioner, shall determine who are domestic users; and all others shall be liable to assessment as provided in Section 4.

Sect. 6. Said Water Commissioner, with the approval of the Mayor, shall make such rules and regulations for the proper enforcement of this act and the prevention of waste as may be necessary; and the City Council may, by ordinance, provide such penalties as they deem proper for any violation of said rules and regulations.

Sect. 7. Any city, by majority vote of its City Council and approval of the Mayor, may adopt the general provisions of this act.

Sect. 8. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

House Bill No. 1024 was introduced on leave by Mr. Wheeler of Boston; referred to the Committee on Prisons. It is entitled:

An Act to change the Name of the House for the Employment and Reformation of Juvenile Offenders in the County of Suffolk and for Other Purposes.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The house for the employment and reformation of juvenile offenders in the County of Suffolk shall hereafter be known as the Rainsford School for Boys and the Trustees for Children of the City of Boston may apply to the Commissioners of Prisons to remove therefrom any boy over the age of fifteen years who should not in the opinion of said Trustees be held therein, and said Commissioners may at their discretion remove any such boy to any other reformatory established for boys over that age, and such boy shall be held therein for the remainder of the term for which he was sentenced as if originally committed thereto.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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34. H. B. 160, an Act to provide for the appointment of a Police Commissioner and a Board of Excise Commissioners for the City of Boston, p. 38.	Liquor Law. Jan. 15.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
35. H. B. 161, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside its debt limit to erect school-houses in Ward 22 in said city, p. 39.	Cities. Jan. 16. To Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 17.	Feb. 23, 26. Closed.								
36. H. B. 179, an Act relative to the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen in Boston, p. 39.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Jan. 25. Closed.	Jan. 25. H.(N.P.)							
37. H. B. 180, an Act relative to the President of the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 39.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Jan. 25. Closed.	Jan. 25. H.(N.P.)							
38. H. B. 192, an Act to incorporate the Boston Life Assurance Company, p. 40.	Insurance. Jan. 17.	Jan. 30. Closed.								
39. H. B. 198, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's and Chandler's ponds in the City of Boston and City of Newton, p. 51. (See also No. 75.)	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 17.	Jan. 26. Closed.								
40. H. B. 204, an Act to provide for the transfer of the Harris collection of the Charlestown Public Library to the Central Library of the City of Boston, p. 51. (See also No. 24.)	Judiciary (House). Jan. 18.	Jan. 30.								
41. H. R. 208, a Resolve in favor of submitting to a popular vote the question of State ownership of the Boston and Albany Railroad, p. 51.	Railroads. Jan. 19.	Feb. 9. Closed.								
42. H. B. 217, an Act to incorporate the Johnson Buildings, p. 53.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 18.	Jan. 31. Closed.	Feb. 5. H.(H.B. 943)	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	Feb. 13. S.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 20.	H. Feb. 23.	
43. H. B. 224, an Act relative to subways and tunnels in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 18.	Jan. 30. Feb. 27. Closed.								
44. H. B. 260, an Act relative to granting liquor licenses in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Liquor Law. Jan. 22.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 26. H.(N.P.)							
45. H. B. 293, an Act relative to the Boston Fire Department, p. 51.	Cities. Jan. 23.	Feb. 12. Closed.								
46. H. B. 295, an Act relative to the registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 51.										
47. H. B. 296, an Act to define residence as a requisite for voting in the City of Boston, p. 52.	Election Laws. Jan. 23.	Feb. 8. Closed.	Feb. 28. H.(L.W.)							
48. H. B. 298, an Act to provide for a high-school building in the Charlestown District of the City of Boston, p. 52.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	Feb. 23. Closed.								
49. H. R. 308, a Resolve to confirm the acts of Charles W. Whittier as a Justice of the Peace, p. 52.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 23.	Jan. 30. Closed.	Jan. 30. H(H.R. 308)	Jan. 31.	Feb. 2.	Feb. 6. S.	Feb. 7.	Feb. 8.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.

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50. H. B. 321, an Act in addition to an act to incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company in the City of Boston, p. 52.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 23.	Feb. 2. Closed.	Feb. 5. II (H.B.947)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7.	Feb. 9. S.	Feb. 12.	Feb. 13.	H. Feb. 15. S. Feb. 19.	Feb. 20. App.
51. H. B. 325, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Catherine C. Dodge, p. 52.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
52. H. B. 326, an Act relative to the Metropolitan Water Board, p. 52.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 24.	Jan. 31. Feb. 6. Closed.								
53. H. B. 337, an Act relative to the pensioning of war veterans who are members of the Fire Department of the City of Boston, p. 52.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 5. Closed.	Feb. 8. H. (L. W.)							
54. H. B. 343, an Act to provide for the construction of a hospital in East Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 24.	Feb. 6. Closed.	Feb. 16. H (H.B.999)	Feb. 19.	Feb. 23.	Feb. 27. S.	March 1. Rej.			
55. H. B. 355, an Act to incorporate the Marine Park Tower Company, p. 53.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 24.	Feb. 9, 13. Closed.								
56. H. B. 370, an Act to authorize the Lexington and Boston Street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property, p. 53.	Street Railways. Jan. 30.	March 6.								
57. H. B. 371, an Act to authorize the Fitchburg Railroad Company to take lands in Boston for freight purposes, p. 53.	Railroads. Jan. 25.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
58. H. B. 375, an Act relative to the improvement of Stony brook in the City of Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 25.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
59. H. B. 386, an Act to regulate the price of gas in that portion of the City of Boston known as East Boston, p. 53.	Manufactures. Jan. 25.	Feb. 16, 26, 28. Mch. 2.								
60. H. B. 397, an Act to authorize and direct the Metropolitan Park Commission to acquire Fuller's wharf, in Brighton, as a part of the Charles-river reservation, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 25.	Feb. 6. Closed.	Feb. 14. II (H.B.397)							
61. H. B. 411, an Act relative to the fares charged by any street railway operating in the City of Boston, p. 68.	Street Railways. Jan. 26.	March 8.								
62. H. R. 417, Resolutions relative to an appropriation by the Congress of the United States for the improvement of Boston Harbor, p. 68.	Federal Relations. Jan. 29.	Feb. 2. Closed.	Feb. 2. H (H.R.417)		Feb. 6. Ad.	Feb. 8. S.		Feb. 9. Ad.		
63. H. B. 420, an act to regulate the price of gas in the City of Boston, p. 68.	Manufactures. Jan. 29.	Feb. 16, 26, 28. Mch. 2.								
64. H. B. 434, an Act to further define the duties of Boards of Registrars of Voters in all the cities of the Commonwealth, p. 68.	Election Laws. Jan. 29.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 7. II. (L. W.)							
65. H. B. 435, an Act to extend the time for building the Boston, Quincy and Fall River Bicycle Railway, p. 68.	Street Railways. Jan. 29.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Feb. 26. II (H.B.435)	March 1.						
66. H. B. 441, an Act to require the Metropolitan Park Commission to rebuild the bridge over the Neponset river, between Blue Hills parkway in the Town of Milton and Mattapan square in the City of Boston, p. 69.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 29.	Feb. 6. Closed.								
67. H. B. 448, an Act in favor of Anna W. Wason, p. 69.	Cities. Jan. 31.									
68. H. B. 449, an Act to provide rooms in the City of Boston in which to hold the Probate Court of Norfolk County in certain cases, p. 69.	Counties. Jan. 29.	Feb. 20. Closed.								
69. H. B. 478, an Act to exempt the estate No. 13 Compton street in the City of Boston from the operation of the building laws, p. 69.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 9. Closed.								
70. H. B. 495, an Act to regulate the distribution of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 69.	Liquor Law. Jan. 30.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 26. II. (L. W.)							
71. H. B. 499, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside of its debt limit to erect a municipal building in South Boston, p. 70.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13. Closed.								
72. H. B. 515, an Act to extend the time for filing petitions for the assessment of damages accruing from the location and construction of railroads under the provisions of the Act to provide for a South Union station, p. 70.	Railroads. Jan. 30.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
73. H. B. 516, an act relative to the Boston and Suburban Express Company, p. 70.	Street Railways. Jan. 30.	March 9.								

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74. H. B. 528, an Act to revise the charter of the City of Boston, p. 70.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.									
75. H. B. 537, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's and Chandler's ponds by the Metropolitan Park Commission, p. 71. (See also No. 39.)	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	March 13.								
76. H. B. 540, an Act relative to the disposition of fees for the solemnization of marriages received by the City Registrar or Assistant City Registrar of the City of Boston, p. 71.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 31.	Feb. 26. Closed.								
77. H. R. 545, a Resolve relative to the building known as the Westminster Chambers in the City of Boston, p. 71. (See also No. 80.	Cities. Jan. 31.	March 6.								
78. H. B. 551, an Act to promote the location and construction of freight tracks on the Commonwealth flats in South Boston, p. 71.	Harbors and Public Lands. Jan. 31.	Feb. 20, 26. March 2.								
79. H. B. 561, an Act to rebuild the Broadway bridge in the City of Boston, p. 71.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 13. Closed.								
80. H. B. 567, an Act relative to the building at the corner of St. James avenue and Trinity place in the City of Boston, p. 71. (See also No. 77.)	Cities. Jan. 31.	March 6.								
81. H. B. 568, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of William J. Ryan, p. 71.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 26. Closed.								
82. H. B. 576, an Act to authorize the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company to establish a guaranty capital, p. 71.	Insurance. Jan. 31.	Feb. 21. Closed.								
83. H. B. 579, an Act relative to the hiring of laborers by the City of Boston, p. 72.	Labor. Jan. 31.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
84. H. B. 587, an Act to provide for the construction of the esplanade on Charles river, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 14. Closed.	Feb. 19. H. (L.W.)							
85. H. B. 598, an Act relative to the appointment of pilots and Pilot Commissioners for Boston harbor, p. 72.	Judiciary (House) Jan. 31.	March 8.								
86. H. B. 600, an Act relative to the appointment of court officers in the municipal courts in the County of Suffolk, p. 99.	Judiciary (House) Jan. 31.	March 1. Closed.								
87. H. B. 606, an Act to provide for additional subways in the City of Boston, p. 72.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 27. March 12.								
88. H. R. 608, a Resolve to confirm the acts of James E. Leach as a Justice of Peace, p. 73.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 31.	Feb. 19. Closed.	Feb. 19. H. (H.R. 608)	Feb. 20.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 26. S.	Feb. 27.	Feb. 28.		
89. H. B. 621, an Act relative to expenses of medical examiners and other county officers, p. 73.	Counties. Feb. 1.	March 2.								
90. H. B. 622, an Act relative to caucuses in the City of Boston, p. 73.	Election Laws. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
91. H. B. 631, an Act relative to the pensioning of war veterans who are members of the police force of the City of Boston, p. 74.	Cities. Feb. 1.									
92. H. B. 638, an Act relative to parkways in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
93. H. B. 639, an Act to direct the Boston Transit Commission to widen Pleasant street in the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15, 27. March 12.								
94. H. B. 640, an Act to provide for establishing a playground to meet the wants of Wards 15 and 16 of the City of Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
95. H. B. 654, an Act relative to the advertising of legal notices in the County of Suffolk and City of Boston, p. 74.	Judiciary (House) Feb. 1.	March 1. Closed.								
96. H. B. 660, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside the debt limit for the purpose of completing its public parks, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
97. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the crossings of railroads and public ways in East Boston, p. 74.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	March 9.								
98. H. B. 676, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to establish and maintain an industrial school, p. 99.	Cities. Feb. 1. To Education. Feb. 7.	Feb. 23, 28. Closed.								
99. H. B. 678, an Act relative to the School Committee of the City of Boston, p. 83.	Education. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21, 27. Closed.								

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100. H. B. 679, an Act to establish a School-house Department in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Education. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21, 27. Closed.								
101. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the number of liquor licenses which may be issued by cities and towns, p. 99.	Liquor Law. Feb. 1.	March 2.								
102. H. B. 688, an Act to provide for the creation and disbursement of a public school janitor's retirement fund in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
103. H. B. 689, an Act to incorporate the South Bay Wharf and Warehouse Company, p. 84.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 7.								
104. H. B. 690, an Act to provide for the construction of additional subways in the City of Boston, p. 84.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 27. Closed.								
105. H. B. 693, an Act relative to the parks, parkways and boulevards of the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 6.								
106. H. B. 694, an Act relative to streets and lands in the neighborhood of parks, parkways and boulevards in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	March 6.								
107. H. B. 713, an Act to abolish fees for dog licenses in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Probate and Insolvency. Feb. 1.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H.(H.B 713)	Feb. 21.	Feb. 23.					
108. H. B. 723, an Act relative to Back street in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 1. To Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 8.	Feb. 20. Closed.								
109. H. B. 726, an Act for the purchase by the Commonwealth of the road, franchise, property, rights and privileges of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, p. 85.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 27, Mch. 20.								
110. H. B. 729, an Act to enlarge the Board of Railroad Commissioners and to purchase the Boston and Albany Railroad, p. 85.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28, Mch. 20.								
111. H. B. 740, an Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 353 of the Acts of 1892, relative to pensioning members of the Police Department of the City of Boston, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	March 1.								
112. H. B. 746, an Act to provide fenders on certain conveyances operating in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. March 6.								
113. H. B. 748, an Act relative to the election of aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
114. H. B. 752, an Act relative to the appointment of constables in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 20. Closed.								
115. H. B. 756, an Act relative to the appointment of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.								
116. H. B. 758, an Act to provide for the care and support of the insane by the Commonwealth, p. 86.	Public Charitable Institutions. Feb. 2.									
117. H. B. 772, an Act relative to the construction of tenement-houses in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Mch. 1, 9.								
118. H. B. 775, an Act relative to registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 87.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
119. H. B. 776, an Act relative to names upon the voting-lists of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
120. H. B. 784, an Act to incorporate the First Motor Vehicle Company, p. 88.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13, 14. Closed.								
121. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston to lay out and construct a bicycle path across the Common, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H.(L.W.)							
122. H. B. 788, an Act relative to the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. March 7.								
123. H. B. 789, an Act relative to the system of playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
124. H. B. 796, an Act relative to pensioning medical examiners of the County of Suffolk, p. 88.	Public Health. Feb. 2.	March 9.								
125. H. B. 802, an Act to limit all steam railroads to a five-cent fare within the limits of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	March 2.								
126. H. B. 804, an Act to authorize persons qualified to vote for Governor to vote at the next State election on the question of the purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth, p. 100.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	Mch. 6.								

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127. H. B. 825, an Act relating to the Probate and Insolvency Court for the County of Suffolk, p. 100.	Public Service. Feb. 2.	Mch. 8.								
128. H. B. 830, an Act relative to the appointment of inspectors of milk for the City of Boston, p. 100.	Agriculture. Feb. 5.	Mch. 7.								
129. H. B. 832, an Act relative to the opening of streets in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2.								
130. H. B. 844, an Act relative to membership of Metropolitan commissions, p. 100.	Public Service. Feb. 5.	Feb. 20. Mch. 8.								
131. H. B. 845, an Act to provide for minority representation on the Metropolitan commissions, p. 101.	Public Service. Feb. 15.	Feb. 20. Mch. 8.								
132. H. B. 848, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2.								
133. H. B. 851, an Act relative to extension of system of the Boston Elevated Railway Company in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Street Railways. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2.								
134. H. B. 866, an Act relative to the limitation of height of second class buildings in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 9.								
135. H. B. 867, an Act relative to the construction of cellars in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 9.								
136. H. B. 876, an Act to regulate the election of caucus officers in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Election Laws. Feb. 5.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 15. H. (L.W.)							
137. H. B. 879, an Act relative to pilots on tug-boats engaged in towing vessels bound to or from certain ports within the limits of Boston harbor, p. 101.	Harbors and Public Lands. Feb. 5.	Feb. 28. Mch. 8.								
138. H. B. 882, an Act to provide for the appointment of a Board of Excise for the City of Boston, p. 101.	Liquor Law. Feb. 5.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
139. H. B. 883, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to take additional land for the purpose of caring for the insane, p. 102.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2.								
140. H. B. 893, an Act to regulate the price of gas in that part of the City of Boston known as Charlestown, p. 102.	Manufactures. Feb. 5.	Feb. 16, 26, 28. Mch. 2.								
141. H. B. 914, an Act to exempt the City of Boston from the provisions of the civil service laws, p. 102.	Public Service. Feb. 5.	Mch. 13.								
142. H. B. 919, an Act to regulate railroad fares in the suburban district of Boston, p. 102.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2.								
143. H. B. 920, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban district of Boston, p. 102.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2.								
144. H. B. 924, an Act to provide for a Greater Boston by permitting towns and cities adjoining to be annexed by concurrent vote, p. 120.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 5.	Mch. 7.								
145. H. B. 927, an Act relative to the rate of taxation and indebtedness of the City of Boston, p. 121.	Taxation and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2.								
146. H. B. 939, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to license business brokers, p. 121.	Judiciary (House.) Feb. 5.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
147. H. B. 942, an Act to provide for a Board of Elections for the City of Boston, p. 103.	Election Laws. Feb. 5.	Feb. 28.	Feb. 28. H. (L.W.)							
148. H. B. 974, an Act relative to pensioning of members of the police force of the City of Boston, p. 121.	Cities. Feb. 9.									
149. H. B. 994, an Act to provide improved access to and from South Boston, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs.									
150. H. B. 1001, an Act to regulate the location of public stands for carriages in the City of Boston, p. 103.	Cities. Feb. 16.									
151. H. B. 1013, an Act to provide a more equitable method of raising money for the maintenance of the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 122.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 20.									
152. H. B. 1024, an Act to change the name of the House for the employment and reformation of juvenile offenders in the County of Suffolk and for other purposes, p. 122.	Prisons. Feb. 23.									

H., signifies House; S., Senate; B., Bill; R., Resolve; (N. P.), Ought not to Pass; (L. W.), Leave to Withdraw; N. G. C., Next General Court; Rej., Rejected; Am., Amended; App., Approved; Ad., Adopted.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, January 8, 1900

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the two weeks ending January 6, 1900:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	
2...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
4...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	
5...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
6...	1	5	-	-	-	-	1	1	7	23	
7...	-	10	-	3	-	-	4	-	6	45	
8...	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	4	
9...	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	18	
10...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	10	
11...	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	5	13	
12...	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	11	
13...	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	
14...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
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21...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	12	
22...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	2	
23...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4	2	
24...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	12	
25...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	10	
T'ls.	4	27	-	5	-	-	10	10	83	216	

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, February 19, 1900.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending February 17, 1900:

Number of chattel mortgages	85
Number of discharges of mortgages . . .	13
Number of assignments of mortgages . . .	5
Number of bills of sale	9
Number of assignments of wages	44
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	3
Number of ship liens	3
Number of married women's certificates .	8

Accident notices were filed as follows:

February 12—Mary Mason Barlow, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in Charles street.

February 16—J. M. Freedman, personal injuries, caused by alleged insecure coal-hole on Devonshire street, near Milk street.

George Tate, personal injuries, caused by depression in driveway on East Broadway.

February 17—John H. McLelland, personal injuries, alleged defect in sidewalk on Mt. Vernon street, Ward 11. Michael T. Coyne, personal injuries, alleged defect in Washington street, Dorchester.

City Hall, February 26, 1900.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending February 24, 1900:

Number of chattel mortgages	78
Number of discharges of mortgages . . .	14
Number of assignments of mortgages . . .	2
Number of bills of sale	4
Number of assignments of wages	37
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	7
Number of married women's certificates .	7

The following accident notices were received:

February 19—John W. West, injuries to carriage caused by alleged defect in Tremont street.

February 23—Almon King, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in sidewalk on Devonshire street.

February 24—Coleman J. Manning, personal injuries caused by unprotected hole in E street, South Boston. Mary Stanton, personal injuries caused by alleged defect in sidewalk on Silver street, South Boston.

E. J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, February 26, 1900.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the three weeks ending February 24, as follows:

Thomas C. Jennings, driver for chief of District 9, has been granted a day off for meritorious conduct in stopping a runaway horse on Columbia road, February 15.

Engineer L. D. Merrill, of Engine Company 8, has been granted a veteran's certificate for seven successive years' service in the Department.

An order has been drawn on C. T. Holloway & Co. for two 35-gallon chemical tanks for Ladder 15.

B. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, February 10, 1900.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Z. M. Steves, 8 Middleton street, Ward 24, one additional horse; hearing February 15 at 11 o'clock. Albert J. Robinson, Kittedge street, near Metropolitan avenue, Ward 23, two horses; hearing March 1 at 11 o'clock.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been refused:

William A. Davidson, 11 Hutchings street, Ward 21; William D. Dearborn, 1643 Dorchester avenue, Ward 24; Daniel Noonan, 21 Hutchins avenue, Ward 22.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending February 10:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	42	45	87
Negative	120	79	199
No growth	-	-	-
Totals	162	124	286

Typhoid diagnoses: Four cases; negative. Malaria: One case; negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

Statistics for the week ending February 17, 1900:

Cases pending	-
Number of applications	68

Number of admissions:	
To State Almshouse, Tewksbury	25
Long Island Almshouse	16
Boston Insane Hospital	8
Westboro' Insane Hospital	5
Epileptic Hospital	1

Number of applications refused	6
Number of applications withdrawn	7
Cases pending	-

Settlements investigated	90
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children	18

W. T. SEDGWICK, Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, February 12, 1900.

Statistics for the week ending February 10, 1900:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	136	6
Females	17	1
Totals	153	7

Offences:		
Against the person	5	1
Against property	55	3
Against public order and decency	97	2
Revoke of permit to be at liberty	-	1
Totals	*157	7

Discharges:		
Males	96	19
Females	15	6
Totals	111	25

How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	90	24
Permit of Commissioner,	4	-
Payment of fine	17	1
Totals	111	25

Population:		
February 3, 1900	1,068	497
Committed since February 3, 1900	153	7
Totals	1,221	504
Discharged since February 3, 1900	111	25
February 10, 1900	1,110	479

* Four committed charged with two offences each.

32 Tremont Street, February 19, 1900.
Statistics for the week ending February 17, 1900:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	87	34
Females	33	7
Totals	120	41
Offences:		
Against the person . .	5	5
Against property . . .	14	25
Against public order and decency	104	11
Totals	* 123	41
Discharges:		
Males	140	12
Females	18	5
Totals	158	17
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence,	146	15
Permit of Commis-		
sioner	6	1
Payment of fine . . .	5	1
Died	1	-
Totals	158	17
Population:		
February 10, 1900 . .	1,110	479
Committed since Febru-		
ary 10, 1900	120	41
Totals	1,230	520
Discharged since Febru-		
ary 10, 1900	158	17
February 17, 1900 . .	1,072	503

* Three committed charged with two offences.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, February 13, 1900.

Following is a summary of the work of this Department for the two weeks ending February 10:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	620
Notices of new work received	76
Defects reported	222
Defects corrected	70
Feet of dead wire removed	9,600
Feet of dead wire retained	1,600
Poles set	11
Fixtures removed	20
Poles removed	2

Fires reported due to electricity have been investigated as follows:

February 4, at 8.20 P.M., fire at 475 Harrison avenue, grounding of Boston Electric Light Company's arc cut-out box during rain; no damage. Wires lying on limb of tree in yard of Franklin School, Washington street, wires owned by Boston Electric Light Company; no damage. Boston Electric Light Company wires in contact with limb of tree at corner of H street and Broadway; no damage.

February 8, at 7.25 P.M., Boston Elevated Railway Company wires in contact with limb of tree at corner of Shawmut avenue and Rutland street; damage slight. Boston Electric Light Company's arc light wire on arm of fixture, and grounding during heavy

storm at corner of Washington and West Canton streets; arm damaged.

February 9, at 11 A.M., short circuiting of Boston Elevated Railway Company feeder at Dover-street bridge. The same was due to breaking down of insulation.

Second alarms have been responded to from Box 792 on February 8, fire at 50 India street; Box 45 on February 5, fire at 191 Devonshire street; Box 231 on February 8, fire at corner of Washington and Williams streets.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	553
Notices of new work received	350

Temporary wiring at various theatres has been inspected. Wiring for seventy-five incandescents at one theatre and for focusing arc lamp at another was condemned. Permanent wiring of one theatre was found to be badly grouded.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approval of permits have been granted as follows:

Building connections	17
Pole connections	19
Repairs	2

Inspections of work have been made as follows:

Building connections	18
Pole connections	3
Lamp connections	1
Repairs	9
Underground transformer	1
Cable drawings	48

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

Awards of Contracts.

Engineering Department.

Proposals for widening the opening of the north draw of the Chelsea bridge were opened at the office of the City Engineer on February 26, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
William J. Lawler	\$21,471
W. H. Ellis & Co.	21,839
William L. Miller	22,539
George Hayes & Co.	22,900
Ross & Fowler	22,950
Augustus Bellevue & Co.	23,062

The contract was awarded to William J. Lawler.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Street Department.

Proposals for furnishing beach gravel from March 1, 1900, to February 1, 1901, were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on February 20, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids per ton.
James F. McIntosh	\$0 59
M. J. Mahoney	95

The contract was awarded to James F. McIntosh.

B. T. WHEELER,
Superintendent of Streets.

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

January 19, 1900.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held on January 19, 1900, at 8.30 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Rueter, and later Dr. Keany and Mr. Burnham.

It was voted that the bid of H. & A. Morse & Co. for 1,500 tons of hard or free white ash egg size or hard or free white ash pea coal, to be delivered alongside of the coal-pocket at the City Hospital wharf, Roxbury canal, in accordance with the advertised bid, be accepted, at \$3.80 per ton. (See THE CITY RECORD, No. 6, page 77.)

It was voted that the design for elevator cars for surgical elevator and Vose House elevator, and grill-work for elevator marked "accepted," be approved, and that the grill-work in connection therewith be in keeping with said design.

It was voted that the request of the Superintendent for leave of absence for two weeks, beginning January 29, 1900, be granted.

The question of the relief station and the establishment and equipment thereof was discussed at length. It was voted that Kendall, Taylor & Stevens be employed as architects on the relief station, all work thereon to be under the immediate direction and supervision of Mr. Taylor of said firm, and that they be paid a sum not exceeding 5 per cent. upon the total cost of construction, such commission to include all work on plans, specifications and supervision.

It was voted that the construction and equipment of the relief station be referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds and Committee on Service, the Chairman of each committee to have the power of his full committee.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Library Department.

February 16, 1900.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, DeNormandie, Bowditch, Dwight and Lincoln.

Received: Circular No. 3 from the Mayor; order of the Common Council of February 8; letter from Mr. Augustus P. Loring, dated February 8; the Librarian's report.

Service changes: Emma Bollig, grade C, branch division, salary fixed at \$9.50, February 21; Ernest M. Beck, employed, grade E, Bates Hall, salary \$3.50 per week, January 20.

One special privilege card was granted.

Bills allowed: For books, payable by draft on funds on deposit in London, chargeable to city moneys to the amount of \$282.16; to trust funds, \$445.60.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, \$378.08; trust funds, \$345.53; to Fellowes Athenaeum, \$31.67; to Station "P," \$8.63; miscellaneous articles, \$196.61.

The Librarian reported specially on a gift to the Library from Mr. Augustus Hemenway, of seventy-one negatives and photographic prints of the British Museum manuscript of Francis Bacon's "Promus."

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, January 29, 1900.

A special meeting of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Monday, January 29, at 10.30 A.M., called on request of the Committee on Finance, to award the contracts for beef, mutton and fish. (See THE CITY RECORD, No. 6, page 77.)

Present: Mr. Hunnewell, Mr. Rutan, Mr. Pettingill and Miss Morse.

Mr. Hunnewell was elected Chairman pro tempore.

Voted, That Mr. Rutan act as Secretary for the meeting.

Voted, That all proposals for furnishing fresh fish to the Pauper Institutions be rejected.

Voted, That the Chairman of the Board be authorized to sign a contract with Caswell, Livermore & Co. for furnishing salt fish to the Pauper Institutions, according to the terms mentioned in their proposal dated January 22, 1900.

Voted, That the Chairman of the Board be authorized to sign a contract with J. A. Hathaway & Co. for furnishing beef and mutton to the Pauper Institutions according to the terms of their proposal dated January 22, 1900.

WILLIAM L. RUTAN,

Secretary pro tempore.

Street Laying-out Department.

Following is an abstract of the records of recent meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, February 12.

Awards were made of \$530 to T. Jefferson Coolidge for damages occasioned by the relocation of Amory street; \$100 to Dennis J. Sweeney for damages occasioned by the laying out of Echo street; \$5,500 to Charles M. Belden for damages occasioned by the relocation and laying out of Lauriat avenue; \$195 to William Killion for damages occasioned by the relocation of South street; and, under advice of the Law Department, \$16,250 to Patrick Welch for damages occasioned by the laying out of Columbia road.

Orders of the Common Council were received requesting an estimate of the cost of widening Dorchester avenue from the South Union station to Park street; and the cost of widening Amory street to a width of fifty feet from Bragdon street to Centre street.

Tuesday, February 13.

A hearing was given in the matter of laying out Guernsey street.

Orders were passed assessing the cost of Rosseter street; and for building sewers in Eastern avenue, Boylston street, Bellevue avenue and Maxwell street.

Wednesday, February 14.

A hearing was given in the matter of changing the name of Falmouth street to St. Cecelia street.

Orders were passed assessing the cost of the laying out and construction of Chamberlain, Telford and Fairmount streets.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

DEATH OF PATROLMAN CHARLES A. MACCABE.

The death of Patrolman Charles A. Maccabe, of Division 2, occurred on Thursday, February 22, 1900, at the Massachusetts General Hospital, to which he had been removed the week previous during an attack of heart failure.

Mr. Maccabe was born in England in 1840. He was appointed on the police force of Boston in 1872, and had served at various station-houses, but most of the time at the Court-square station. His home was at 249 Park street, Dorchester.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

DEPARTMENT OF BOSTON AND CAMBRIDGE BRIDGES.

50 City Hall, Boston, March 1, 1900.

Sealed proposals, indorsed "Proposals for Sheathing Roadway of Harvard Bridge," will be received at the office of the City Engineer, 50 City Hall, Boston, until 12 o'clock noon of Friday, March 9, 1900, and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read.

Each bid is to be accompanied by a certified check for \$300 payable to the Commissioners on Boston and Cambridge Bridges, said check to be returned to the bidder unless he fails to execute the contract should it be awarded to him.

Specifications may be seen at the office of the City Engineer, 50 City Hall, Boston.

The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids, should they deem it to be for the interest of the cities of Boston and Cambridge so to do.

B. T. WHEELER,

WILLIAM J. MARVIN,

Commissioners for Boston and Cambridge Bridges.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

LEDGE LOTS.

February 21, 1900.

Sealed proposals for leasing to the City of Boston certain ledge lots in the West Roxbury, Dorchester and Roxbury districts, with the right to quarry, cut and remove stone for the purpose of macadamizing various streets will be received at the office of the Superintendent of Streets until 12 o'clock noon of Monday, March 5, 1900, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

Proposals must state a price per ton to be paid for all stone quarried and removed from the ledge by the Street Department of the City of Boston; also what plant in the nature of tools, derricks, engines and other appliances necessary for such quarrying, cutting and removing the lessor has to furnish, or is willing to provide, and must state the annual rental for such plant.

No bid will be received dependent on any monthly output.

It is understood that the city will blast quarry and cut stone at its own risk and that the contract may be extended for one year at the option of the Superintendent of Streets, dependent on the annual appropriation being provided therefor by the city government.

A certified check for \$100 must accompany each proposal and will be forfeited to the city if the bidder fails to carry out the contract if awarded to him; and a bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract.

The Superintendent of Streets reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to accept the proposal he deems best for the city.

B. T. WHEELER, Superintendent of Streets.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, February 23, 1900.

Sealed proposals for the collection and removal of store dirt, house dirt and ashes in the Dorchester District (as shown on the official map on file at the office of the Superintendent of Streets) will be received at the said office of the Superintendent of Streets until 12 M. of Monday, March 5, 1900, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

Bidders must reside in or adjacent to this district. Said ashes to be collected and removed at least once each week, to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and to be delivered at dumps, to be provided by the contractor, unless otherwise ordered, the city to furnish carts and the contractor the necessary horses and men.

Form of contract may be seen at the Central Office of the Street Department. The contract is to cover a term of two (2) years, dependent on the proper appropriations from time to time by the city government. Said proposals to state the terms for collection and removal per year.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a properly certified check for \$100, and a bond will be required for the faithful performance of each contract.

The Superintendent of Streets reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, should he deem it for the interest of the city so to do.

B. T. WHEELER, Superintendent of Streets.

CITY OF BOSTON.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The Water Commissioner of the City of Boston will receive proposals at his office, City Hall, Boston Mass., until 12 o'clock M., of Tuesday, March 6, 1900, at which time they will be publicly opened and read, for transporting to or from the pipe yard of the Water Department on Albany street, and such points within the limits of the City of Boston or Town of Brookline as may be required by the Superintendent of the Distribution Division, such pipes, special castings, hydrants, gates, wood, blocking, tools or other material as may be required during the year ending March 15, 1901.

Specifications may be seen and information in regard to the work may be obtained at the office of the Water Commissioner, Room 58, City Hall, Boston.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for \$200, payable to the City of Boston; said check to be returned to the bidder unless he fails to execute the contract, should it be awarded to him. The amount and character of the securities for the fulfillment of the contract will be determined by the Water Commissioner after the proposals are opened.

The Water Commissioner reserves the right to reject any or all bids should he deem it to be for the interest of the City of Boston so to do.

AUGUSTUS P. MARTIN, Water Commissioner.

CITY OF BOSTON.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF TEAMS.

February 26, 1900.

Horses and carts will be hired in the Park Department for the coming season as follows only: Blanks will be furnished on application at the office of the Board of Park Commissioners, Pine Bank, Jamaica Park, which must be filled out by the applicant and left at the office of said Board on or before 1 P.M. of Saturday, March 10, 1900.

Applications will be received only from citizens and taxpayers of Boston, actual owners of suitable teams February 26, 1900, and assessed therefor May 1, 1899. The Park Commissioners reserve the right to reject any application at their discretion, and no application will be considered which is not accompanied by a properly receipted tax bill.

On the tenth of March, at 3.30 o'clock, P. M., numbers will be publicly drawn by lot at the administration yard and nursery, Franklin Park, and teams will thereafter be hired in the order of the numbers drawn, but no team discharged for cause other than lack of work shall keep its number. Nor will any team be employed which, with its equipment, is not first-class and in all respects satisfactory to the Superintendent of Streets.

CHARLES E. STRATTON,

LABAN PRATT,

JAMES M. PRENDERGAST,

Commissioners.



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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ELECTION DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the Election Department for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1900—constituting City Document No. 13, 1900—has recently been submitted to Mayor Hart, and from it the following extracts have been taken:

At the beginning of the year the figures submitted by us to the Board of Estimate and Apportionment as our estimated requirements for the year were based upon the probability of an unusually heavy registration, and though the amount allowed by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment was \$9,500 less than our figures, it was our good fortune to carry on the Department, not only within the amount allowed, but to have a substantial balance left to our credit, as was the case also the preceding year. During the month of September the registration was done entirely at the central office, and for most of that month the office was kept open, in connection with the Assessors' office, until 10 o'clock in the evening. It may be thought advisable in the future to

provide places for evening registration in co-operation with the Assessing Department in the different wards during September, to relieve the central office.

The number of male voters on the first printed list made up from the Assessors' returns to this Department was 84,967. There were 15,524 names added prior to the State election and 2,334 names added before the city election, making, after the necessary revision, the total number of male voters registered for the city election 102,875, thus exceeding the similar registration in 1897 of 102,473, which up to that time was the largest in the history of the city. At the city election in 1897, 79,763 votes were cast for Mayor, and in 1899, 81,341 votes were cast for the same office, the latter being the highest number of votes cast in this city for Mayor.

The Act of 1899, Chapter 346, regulating the holding of caucuses reduced the number of caucuses held in Boston from seven to four for the two leading political parties. The interval between the State and city elections is so short that in order to comply with the requirements of law with regard to issuing the call for caucuses prior to the city election, and with regard to filing certificates of nomination and nomination papers, the caucuses of the two leading political parties were held in the past year on successive evenings in the same place, and created some embarrassment in making proper arrangements for the caucuses held on the second evening.

The Socialist Labor party, having established itself as a political party in accordance with law, by the vote cast for its candidate for Governor in 1898, held caucuses for the first time during the past year.

In addition to the caucuses and elections above referred to, a caucus and election were held in the Thirteenth Suffolk Representative District, to fill a vacancy caused by the death, previous to the meeting of the Legislature, of the candidate chosen at the State election.

The caucus officers have, as a rule, performed their work satisfactorily, and the conduct of the caucuses shows from year to year a great improvement. Unusually large

caucuses were held the past year, and the returns generally were prompt and accurate. Whether any further improvement could be accomplished by providing compensation for such officers, is a matter worthy of serious consideration.

The election officers, too, have generally served the city faithfully and well the past year. In each of the 191 precincts in the city we appointed a warden, clerk and four inspectors, representing equally the two leading political parties, and 1,146 such officers were appointed and qualified, after being gathered together in different sections of the city to be instructed as to their duties. With so large a number it is not surprising that a few cases of dereliction of duty should arise, but these are dealt with summarily.

Our opinion, previously expressed, that deputy election officers should be dispensed with, and the money now paid them saved, is strengthened by the experience of the Department the past year.

The difference in the number of male voters in the several precincts has become so great as to call for some change in the existing conditions. The ward lines will be changed again in five years, but the precinct lines should be changed at once, if additional precincts are not deemed advisable. With the 191 existing precincts the average of male voters based upon the registration at the city election of 102,875 would be 539. The number of voters in the precincts varies from 863 to 234, while 104 precincts contain less than 539 male voters and 87 precincts over that number. We are of the opinion that if enough additional precincts were provided to make the whole number 250, the best results would be accomplished; with the registration at the present figures there would then be an average of 411 voters in each precinct, and this number would ensure a more prompt return of votes cast. There is a wide variance in the number of voters in each ward, the highest number being 5,915 and the lowest 2,730. This would seem to warrant an immediate change in the ward lines if such a course were authorized by law.

The one hundred voting booths made of thin corrugated steel have been made

comfortable by having the sides and top lined with thin wooden sheathing, and we believe they are now so equipped as to fully and satisfactorily answer the purpose for which they were built. Until we are again allowed the use of the school buildings for polling places the public must be contented with the accommodations and facilities offered by these booths.

The reduction in the number of caucuses held in this city by one of the leading political parties has reduced somewhat the number of petitions for recounts of votes cast at caucuses, but there has been no falling off in the number of petitions for recounts of votes cast at elections.

On the whole such recounts have been conducted with little friction, and apparently to the satisfaction of all parties. In 1898 a change was made in conducting the general recount after the city election by securing a large and well-lighted hall in the immediate vicinity of our offices and employing an extra force of skilled clerks, that the work might be more quickly done than in the small and poorly ventilated room connected with our offices, where such recounts had been previously conducted. So successful were the results that we conducted the general recount after the last city election in the same hall.

The abuse of the right to petition for a recount does not diminish. Numerous petitions are filed, signed by the ten required voters, who make oath to the truth of their petition, which sets forth that a recount would affect the result, whereas in truth and in fact the margin is so great that no such change could naturally be expected. As the recount progresses, it is found that an inspection of the ballots, particularly of caucus ballots, is only desired.

Nine complaints for illegal registration were filed with this Department during the past year, and but two complaints in 1898, which would indicate that the lists of voters as prepared by us, on the whole, contain only such names as are entitled to be placed thereon. We again urge the passage of a law which shall give the complainants in this class of cases authority to summon witnesses, and an adequate penalty should be attached to the failure to respond to such summons.

During the past year objections in writing were filed with us as the Ballot Law Commission of the City of Boston in seven cases, all of which were objections to the nominations of aldermanic candidates.

The system of preparing the jury list by this Board was set forth at length in our report last year, and certain suggestions were made which, in our opinion, if carried out, would be an improvement on the present system. It is our aim to prepare a list which shall contain men of the character and intelligence desired for such service, and we exercise great care in the selection, and during the past year we have received no complaint that the jurors drawn for service had

not the requisite qualifications, which is some evidence that the present system works well. We agree with the Attorney-general that the exempted class is too large, and are inclined to join in his opinion that if the term of service were further reduced, active business men who object to serving on the jury, but whose experience and judgment especially fit them for such service, would be less incommoded. It is claimed, too, that a large number of our intelligent citizens do not register as voters because they wish to escape jury service. A partial remedy for this would be to prepare the jury list from the lists of assessed polls, but we see so many objections to the latter course that we cannot recommend any such change.

Under the law a person who is drawn and serves is exempt for three years, but there is no requirement that clerks of courts send to us the names of jurors who actually serve. Our practice is therefore to follow the list of persons drawn, sent to us by the City Clerk, and mark such names as exempt for three years. The law could be more strictly administered if the names of persons serving were submitted to us by court officers.

A few changes in the law have been suggested, but in no instance do we believe the public would suffer greatly if the suggestions were not acted upon immediately. The laws regarding caucuses and elections are now fairly understood, and in the main are working well. If the Election Act of 1898 is to be further amended or modified it should be done, in our opinion, only when serious defects are discovered in the operation of the law which can be remedied only by new legislation.

It has been found that the operation of Section 128 of the Election Act of 1898, which provides for the appointment by this Board of additional caucus officers, has not in most cases accomplished the results desired. Yet we believe a further trial of the law should be given rather than to repeal a statute so recently enacted.

There have been several changes in the Board during the past year. In October, 1899, Hon. Joseph J. Corbett, in accordance with a fixed determination of many months' standing, resigned as a member of the Board. Upon the retirement of Mr. Corbett, the Mayor, acting under the provisions of the Revised Ordinances, designated Mr. John H. Donovan, of the Assessing Department, to temporarily discharge the duties of Election Commissioner. Mr. Donovan continued as Acting Election Commissioner until after the recount which followed the city election, when Hon. Patrick J. Kennedy was appointed Commissioner for the unexpired term.

There has actually been expended by this Department during the year 1899, chargeable to the regular appropriation, the sum of \$126,892.44 and on account of the special loan for new voting-booths the balance from loan of \$404.27, or a total expenditure of \$127,296.71. There remains, therefore, to the credit of this Department the sum of \$5,614.18.

The arrangement of some of the election tables, which make a considerable portion of the report, has been changed from that of former years, and we have profited by the system adopted by THE CITY RECORD, which has printed many of the election returns prepared at their request by this Department.

INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES.

In Special Publication No. 4, of the Statistics Department, which deals with the ordinary receipts and expenditures of the city, the expenditures of the new departments created by the Acts of 1897, Chapters 395 and 451, which divided the Institutions Department into five independent departments, are separately given for the first time. For convenience of comparison such items of expenditure as could be traced back in the reports of the City Auditor, are entered for the years in which they were found. Certain other expenditures could not be traced back in these reports, for the reason that they were lumped together under the head of "General Office Expenses" or of "Pauper Expenses," so-called. These items, therefore, were omitted. Consequently the total figures showing the actual expenditure of the department in 1898-99 cannot be compared with the totals given for previous years. On the other hand such items as have been entered are comparable year by year. For instance, the expenditures of the Children's Institutions Department were, in 1898-99, \$169,079.97; whereas, the total entered in the year 1894-95, is but \$44,776.03. The total expenditure for children in 1894-95 was not \$44,776.03, but something more than that amount. How much more, could be determined only by a detailed and expert examination of the accounts of the Institutions Department. A glance at page 63 of the publication shows that expenditure for the care and support of delinquent children now cared for at the Parental School and at the House of Reformation has not been included. Such children were, in that year, cared for at the House of Industry, Deer Island, and the cost of their support was not separately stated, but included in the expenditure of that penal institution. The cost of placing out children and of boarding them in families or in institutions, has been omitted, both for this year and for later years, to 1898-99, for the reason it was not separately stated but lumped under the appropriation for pauper expenses or general office expenses. The exact amount of such expenditures could not be determined without a detailed examination of the accounts. On the other hand the expenditures for the Marcella-street Home are given for the full five years, and are comparable throughout; the reduction of expenditure in 1898-99 being due to the abandonment of the institution. The expenditures of the House of Reformation and of the Parental School are given for four years; the smaller expenditure in 1895-96 being due to the fact that these institutions were not occupied till several months after the beginning of the fiscal year.

This caution applies to the following departments: Children's Institutions Department, Insane Institutions Department and Pauper Institutions Department. The items of expenditure of the Institutions Department which do not admit of analysis, are chiefly the expenditure for general office expenses and for pauper expenses. The payment for pauper expenses included the expenditure for board and care of insane in State institutions now charged to the appropriation for Insane Institutions Department; board and care of children in institutions other than those of the city now charged to the Placing-out Division of the Children's Institutions Department, and board and care of paupers in institutions charged to Pauper Institutions Department.

Although it is impossible from the statement of expenditures given in the City Auditor's reports to compare the present expenditure of the single departments with the cost of similar work done by the Institutions Department, we may compare the total expenditure of the Institutions Department

with the total expenditure for similar purposes to-day. The following statement gives the total expenditure for the care and support of children, insane, paupers and criminals, together with office expenses and expense of maintaining steamboats, etc., formerly under the direction of the Institutions Department. We have added also the data for 1899-1900:

YEAR.	Expenditure.	Increase.	Per Cent. of Increase.
1894-1895 .	\$715,878 40	\$70,506 35	9.84
1895-1896 .	786,384 75		
1896-1897 .	852,492 19	66,107 44	8.40
1897-1898 .	860,980 64	8,488 45	.99
1898-1899 .	936,068 89	75,088 25	8.72
1899-1900 .	986,074 97	50,006 08	5.34

The expenditures of the several departments for 1898-99 and 1899-1900, being the two fiscal years since the reorganization of the Institutions Department, were as follows:

DEPARTMENT.	Fiscal Year.	Expenditure.	Increase.	Increase, Per Cent.
Children's Institutions Department . .	1898-1899 1899-1900	\$169,079 97 } 157,169 88 }	\$11,910 09 * †	7.04 * †
Insane Institutions Department . . .	1898-1899 1899-1900	289,485 04 } 307,246 01 }		
Institutions Registration Department .	1898-1899 1899-1900	16,287 57 } 19,387 99 }	3,100 42	19.03
Pauper Institutions Department . . .	1898-1899 1899-1900	112,923 29 } 115,562 45 }	2,639 16	2.33
Penal Institutions Department: Office expenses	1898-1899 1899-1900	21,383 37 } 21,886 72 }	503 35	2.34
House of Correction, Deer Island . .	1898-1899 1899-1900	151,582 53 } 152,353 79 }	771 26	.51
Machinery and manufactures . . .	1898-1899 1899-1900	59,179 53 } 64,244 72 }	5,065 19	8.55
House of Correction, South Boston . .	1898-1899 1899-1900	81,942 36 } 83,502 80 }	1,560 44	1.90
Machinery and manufactures . . .	1898-1899 1899-1900	12,405 48 } 40,823 87 }	28,418 39	229.07
Steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee" . . .	1898-1899 1899-1900	17,553 60 } 18,396 74 }	843 14	4.80
Steamer "John Howard"	1898-1899 1899-1900	4,246 15 } 5,500 00 }	1,253 85	29.52
Total for all Departments . . .	1898-1899 1899-1900	\$936,068 89 } 986,074 97 }	\$50,006 08	5.34

* Decrease.

† The expenditures of 1898-99 include \$6,934.38 for summer hospital, Rainsford Island, for which no appropriation was made in 1899-1900. If we deduct this in order to make the two years comparable, we get the following corrected result:

YEAR.	Expenditures.	Decrease.	Decrease, Per Cent.
1898-1899	\$162,145 59	\$4,975 71	3.06
1899-1900	157,169 88		

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Following is the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of the City of Boston vs. Rocci Sarni, in which the complainant charges the respondent with maintaining a furnace for blacksmith purposes in the building 118 Endicott street, without having a permit from the Building Commissioner:

LORING, J. The only question raised in this case is whether the word "furnace" as used in Statutes 1892, Chapter 419, Sections 116 and 117, includes a forge, in which a fire is maintained for the purpose of carrying on the ordinary business of a blacksmith.

The difference between a forge and a furnace, so far as the ordinary use of those words in connection with metal work, is concerned, is this: A furnace is used to melt ores in working metals, or to melt metals in working them; a forge is used to heat metals to hammer them into a desired form, not to melt them. It is evident that the Legislature thought that a fire used to melt ores and metals was dangerous, and that a fire used to heat them was not dangerous, and for that reason it forbade the erection of a furnace, but did not forbid the erection of a forge.

Decree dismissing bill affirmed.

The decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Annie L. Parke vs. City of Boston, in an action of tort for personal injuries sustained by plaintiff, March 21, 1897, in consequence of an alleged defect on Ruggles street, is as follows:

MORTON, J. The evidence leaves it entirely uncertain how long the alleged defect had existed. One witness testified that she "had been through there Sunday night before to church." But she said nothing, and does not appear to have been asked as to the condition at that time. If there was a defect the plaintiff was bound to show either that the defendant knew it, or in the exercise of reasonable care and diligence ought to have known of it in season to remedy it. There was no evidence that the defendant knew of the defect, if there was one, and in the absence of evidence to show how long it had been there, it cannot be said that the defendant ought, in the exercise of reasonable care and diligence, to have known of it and remedied it.

Following is the decision of the Court in the case of George W. Parker vs. City of Boston. A portion of the plaintiff's land was taken by the city for the widening of Blue Hill avenue. He claimed a larger sum in damages than that offered, \$1,628, but upon being informed that no local assessments would be levied towards meeting the expense of the work going on, he accepted the offer. Afterwards the city made an assessment on his remaining land of \$706.53 for the sewers, and he asks for a remedy for his mistake.

HAMMOND, J. Even if it be assumed in favor of the plaintiff that the inquiries made by him were broad enough to cover the case of sewer assessments, and that he would not have settled with the city unless he had supposed that no sewer assessment was to be

laid, and even if several other grave objections to the relief prayed for be passed over, it is plain that there is one feature of the case as stated in the bill which is fatal to the plaintiff.

The plaintiff was mistaken as to whether after the settlement he "would be liable to pay any assessment or contribution towards the cost of the improvements then going on in Blue Hill avenue or any part thereof except what might be included in his" general annual tax. In so far as his liability depended upon the law authorizing such an assessment, and he was mistaken about that, it was a mistake as to the general well-known law on the subject and not of fact. And moreover we do not understand the bill to allege that the plaintiff was mistaken about the law. In so far as his liability depended upon any assessment which the proper authorities might thereafter lay, and he was mistaken about that, it was a mistake not with reference to the existence at that time of a certain fact but simply as to the probability of the occurrence of a future event. This is not a mistake of fact within the meaning of that term in the rules of equity concerning the rescission or reformation of a contract. The mistake must be with reference to a fact past or present. *Kerr on Fr. & Mis.* 476. *Beach on Med. Eq. Jur.* Section 49. *Southwick vs. First National Bank of Memphis*, 84 N. Y. 420.

Demurrer sustained.

HOUSES ORDERED VACATED AND DEMOLISHED.

Following is a list of the houses ordered vacated by the Board of Health during February, 1900:

26 Poplar street.
26 Lowell street.
1 Brighton-street place.
68, 72, 130 and 132 Brighton street.
37, 39 and 41 Barton street.
19 Prospect street.
126 Leverett street.
422 Hanover street.
5 and 6 Fountain place.
7 Fountain place.
15 Tileston street.
33 Tileston street.
8 and 9 Parkman street.
21 Cypress street.
17 Morton street.
31 Kirkland street.
66 Pleasant street.
11 Spring street.
1 Fourth-street place.
45 Cross street.
19 Sheafe street.
2 Merton place.
1 James place.
2, 3, 4 and 5 James place.
5 Parkman street.
17, 19 and 20 Athens street.
255 Cambridge street.
Rear of 111 Everett street.
189 F street.

The following is a list of the houses ordered demolished by the Board of Health during February, 1900:

9 Heath avenue.
14 and 16 Cypress place.
202 to 212 (inclusive) Albany street.
3 and 6 Lehigh street.
255 and 259 Cambridge street.

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION.

Boston, March 2, 1900.

A meeting of the Cambridge Bridge Commission was held on Friday, March 2, 1900, at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Boston, at 4 P.M.

Present: All the members.

The Commission examined models of proposed piers of the bridge, and sketches of the bridge showing the effect of the different piers upon its appearance, and, on motion, it was

Voted, That the revised plan showing the piers reduced one foot in width from the original design, and with the spring line of the arches lowered, be adopted as fixing these features of the bridge, and be signed by the members of the Commission.

A communication was received from Mr. Elwyn G. Preston, Secretary of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, expressing the approval of its Board of Directors of the proposition to construct the new bridge without a draw "provided the owners of riparian rights that would be injured by the construction of such a bridge be properly compensated."

Placed on file.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the Secretary be requested to visit Washington whenever in his discretion he considers it necessary, and to do whatever may be proper to secure the right to build a drawless bridge.

On motion, it was

Voted, That the paving blocks and materials upon the respective sides of the draw of the old West Boston bridge be placed at the disposal of the city authorities of Cambridge and Boston.

On motion, it was

Voted, That Messrs. Champlin and Leavitt be appointed a sub-committee to ascertain upon what terms settlements can be made for land taken for an approach to the new bridge on the Cambridge side, and to report thereon.

The records of the last two meetings were approved, their reading being dispensed with.

Adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman.

EDGAR R. CHAMPLIN, Secretary.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS FOR FEBRUARY.

The following is a summary showing the number of transfers of real estate and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of February, 1900, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 570; total number of mortgages, 406; total amount of mortgages, \$2,172,717.

District.	Number of Transfers.
Boston	152
South Boston	32
East Boston	37
Roxbury	89
Dorchester	138
West Roxbury	65
Brighton	24
Charlestown	33
Total	570

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, on February 27, 1900, at 7.30 P.M., President Gallivan in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Aldrich, Courtney and Strange.

The Chair stated the question was on approving the appointments, confirmations and transfer presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting.

The appointments, confirmations and transfer were approved.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read and successively passed:

(1.) That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to take, by purchase or otherwise, for the enlargement of the new grammar school lot on Morton and Norfolk streets, Dorchester, a parcel of land supposed to belong to Catherine Elms, bounded and described as follows:

South-east by Norfolk street, 47 $\frac{7}{100}$ feet; north-east by land of the City of Boston, 203 $\frac{2}{100}$ feet; north-west by land supposed to belong to the Howard National Bank of Boston, 47 $\frac{8}{100}$ feet; and south-west by other land of said Elms, being the north-easterly line of a proposed street, 205 $\frac{4}{100}$ feet, containing 9,764 square feet, more or less.

(2.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of John S. Jacobs & Son, for erecting the South Boston High School-house, in the sum of \$287.35 for beams in third story, changing position of door and frame at boiler-room in vent stack, and extra brickwork in filling front piers between first and second stories.

(3.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of Mead, Mason & Co., for erecting the East Boston High School-house, in the sum of \$111.82 for furnishing insulating nipples to protect electric wiring at outlet and junction-box connections.

(4.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$75 for installation of electric bells in the Francis Parkman School-house.

(5.) That there be paid to Frank T. Vose, treasurer Barnard Memorial, the sum of \$100 for care of the Warrenton-street Chapel, from September, 1898, to June, 1899.

(6.) That there be paid to the Denison House Association the sum of \$25 for cleaning and heating the Denison House Kindergarten, from September 11 to December 22, 1899.

(7.) That there be paid to Harriet E. Lyman, teacher of the "Special Class," the sum of \$13.20 for services rendered from December 7 to December 13, 1899.

(8.) That Sara M. Baker, assistant grammar school, in the Sherwin District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her rank, to date from December 1, 1899.

(9.) That the salary of the janitor of the Tileston School be fixed at the rate of \$720

per annum, to date from January 1, 1900, until otherwise ordered.

(10.) That the salary of the janitor of 20 Mt. Vernon-street School be fixed at the rate of \$300 per annum, to date from January 13, 1900, until otherwise ordered.

(11.) That the salary of the janitor of the Frederick A. Whitney School be fixed at the rate of \$840 per annum, to date from September 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

(12.) That the salary of the janitor of the Baker-street Primary School be fixed at the rate of \$600 per annum, to date from December 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

(13.) That there be paid to Carl F. Meyer, \$46.66 for services rendered as temporary janitor of the Baker-street Primary School, from November 3 to November 30, 1899, inclusive.

(14.) That to meet the current expenses of the School Committee, payable during the financial year beginning February 1, 1900, and ending January 31, 1901, the following sums be appropriated for the purposes stated:

(Sec THE CITY RECORD, No. 8, page 105.)

(15.) That the Board of Assessors be notified that the School Committee has appropriated, under Chapter 400 of the Acts of 1898, the sum of \$2,998,385.31 for the support of the public schools for the present financial year. Of this amount \$2,920,350 should be included by their Board in the total amount to be raised by taxation, the balance, \$78,035.31, to be obtained from the following-named sources: Income in 1899-1900 over the amount estimated (\$3,076.85); and the unexpended balance at the close of the financial year 1899-1900 (\$34,958.46).

The Superintendent presented the appointments of four temporary teachers, which were placed on file; the reappointments of seven temporary teachers, which were laid over under the rule; the appointments of seven teachers on probation, which were laid over under the rule; the confirmation of appointment of one teacher which was laid over under the rule; the transfers of three teachers which were laid over under the rule. Leave of absence was granted to six teachers.

The Superintendent presented the reappointments of three temporary teachers, and the appointment of one teacher on probation, accompanied by written statements of the reasons for requesting a suspension of the Regulations pertaining thereto.

The Committee on the Annual Report, presented the Annual Report of the School Committee for 1899, which was accepted.

On recommendation of the Committee on Accounts:

It was ordered, under a suspension of the rules, that an expenditure not exceeding \$300 be allowed for the expenses of the Superintendent and such members of the Board of Supervisors as may desire to attend the convention of the Department of Superintendence of the National Educational Association, to be held in Chicago, Ill.

It was ordered, under a suspension of the rules, that the Board of Supervisors, who were requested, June 13, 1899, to consider and report on certain matters relating to the course of study, vacation schools, length of terms, etc., be permitted to present their report in print.

It was ordered, that an additional ungraded class be allowed in the Phillips District, making five in all.

Mrs. Keller, for the Committee on Music, reported that after careful consideration, they have prepared a plan of organization for the Music Department, which provides for the appointment of eight assistants to the Director of Music, the number they find necessary for the proper conduct of the department; and have formulated rules defining the duties of the Director and of his assistants, which they are confident will produce satisfactory results in the administration of the department. Your committee now recommend the passage of the following orders:

(1.) That from and after March 1, 1900, the positions of special instructor of music and of assistant instructor of music shall be abolished, and in place thereof the following-named positions are hereby created:

Two first assistants in music, grammar schools; two assistants in music, grammar schools; one first assistant in music, primary schools; three assistants in music, primary schools.

(2.) That from and after March 1, 1900, the rank of Leonard B. Marshall, special instructor of music, be that of first assistant in music, grammar schools (without change in salary), and that the rank of the present assistant instructors of music (3) be that of assistants in music, grammar and primary schools.

(3.) That the salaries of instructors of the following-named ranks be fixed for the year ending August 31, 1900, as hereinafter specified:

One first assistant in music, grammar schools	\$2,640
One first assistant in music, grammar schools	2,004
Two assistants in music, grammar schools	996
One first assistant in music, grammar schools	1,500
Three assistants in music, primary schools	996

(4.) That Henry G. Cary be employed as special instructor in music, high schools, from March 1, 1900, to September 1, 1900, at a salary \$2,640 per annum.

The report and orders were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin, the following order was taken from the table:

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be instructed to appear before the proper committee of the Legislature, and advocate the passage of Senate Bill No. 19, relating to the pensioning of teachers.

Mr. Baldwin moved the passage of the order.

On motion of Mr. McDonough, the order was amended by striking out the words "pensioning of teachers" in the last line, and substituting in place thereof the words "teachers' retirement fund."

The order as amended passed.

The following communication was read:

THE BOSTON SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

Boston, February 26, 1900.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

GENTLEMEN: The Boston Society for the Advancement of Physical Education respectfully requests that its Committee on Physical Measures, of which Dr. D. A. Sargent is

Chairman, be permitted to make a series of measurements of the height and weight of the Boston School children, beginning with the primary grades and continuing through the period of growth.

Observations of this sort on the same individual at successive periods have not been made in any American city, and would be of great practical value from an educational as well as a physiological standpoint.

In addition to this, the committee of the Society would be glad to furnish assistance in the detection of defective children if desired to do so.

The Society of course proposes to bear all expense incurred in the matter, and will not call upon the teachers of the schools for assistance in the measurements.

ROBERT W. LOVETT, M.D., President.

Referred to the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training.

The Chair presented the resignations of C. L. Burrill, as a member of the Committee on the Third Division, of Thomas W. Berridge, as a member of the Committee on the Ninth Division, and of Francis A. Campbell, as a member of the Committee on the First Division.

Accepted.

The Chair appointed Mr. Courtney a member of the Committee on the Third Division, Mr. Campbell a member of the Committee on the Ninth Division, and Mr. Berridge a member of the Committee on the First Division.

Approved.

The Chair, pursuant to the order passed January 8, appointed a special committee of three on the Paris Exposition, as follows:

James A. McDonald, Chairman; Archibald T. Davison, Emily A. Fifield.

Approved.

The Chair, pursuant to the order passed February 13, appointed a special committee of five to investigate and report upon the efficiency of the service, as follows:

Francis A. Campbell, Chairman; Thomas W. Berridge, Samuel E. Courtney, Edward I. Aldrich and William J. Gallivan.

The Board went into executive session.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Truant Officers, it was

Ordered, That so far as this Board has authority so to do, James P. Leeds is hereby discharged from the service of the City of Boston, as a truant officer, to take effect March 15, 1900.

The doors were opened, and the Board adjourned.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, March 12, 1900, at 3 P.M.

The resolutions of the Board of Aldermen on the retirement of Mr. John M. Galvin from the office of City Clerk of Boston (see THE CITY RECORD, No. 8, page 111) were unanimously adopted by the Common Council at its meeting on Friday, February 23, 1900.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., Monday, March 5, 1900, Chairman O'Brien presiding. Absent—Alderman Adams.

Appointments by the Mayor.

Communications were received from the Mayor, making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board:

(1.) John T. Caulfield (272 Havre street), Arnold B. Crosby (7 Monmouth street), Winfield W. Hill (87 White street) and Philip E. Robbins (430 Meridian street), to be Weighers of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

(2.) Philip E. Robbins (430 Meridian street) and Arnold B. Crosby (7 Monmouth street), to be Measurers of Wood and Bark, for the term ending April 30, 1900.

Severally laid over under the rule.

The following message from the Mayor was received:

Cost of Paving Western Avenue.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 5 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Superintendent of Streets giving an estimate of the cost of paving Western avenue, Ward 25, from Watertown bridge to Barry's corner, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, March 1, 1900.

TO THE MAYOR OF BOSTON:

In accordance with request contained in enclosed order of the Board of Aldermen, I beg to report that the estimated cost of paving and regulating Western avenue, Ward 25, from Watertown bridge to Barry's corner, is \$59,900. This does not include the portion of the street occupied by the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, which would be paid for by said company.

Respectfully submitted,

BERTRAND T. WHEELER,

Superintendent of Streets.

Placed on file.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, March 1, 1900, at 7.45 P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

The following messages from the Mayor were received:

Playground near Columbia Road, South Boston.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 27 February, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in reference to your order requesting them to prepare plans of "the proposed new park and playground south of Columbia road, South Boston," is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

February 27, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: We have received the enclosed order of the Common Council, requesting us to prepare plans for the proposed new park and playground south of Columbia road, South Boston.

There is a bill pending in the Legislature for the taking of additional ground by us in that locality. It would seem best, therefore, to postpone making any plans, as requested, until this bill is disposed of.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.
Placed on file.

Baseball Field, Wood Island Park.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 27 February, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Board of Park Commissioners in answer to your order requesting them to lay out a baseball field, suitably grassed, on Wood Island Park, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

February 27, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: We duly received the enclosed order from the Common Council, requesting that a baseball field, suitably grassed, be laid out at Wood Island Park.

Such a baseball field would, if made by sodding or seeding to grass, have to be given a rest during one season to permit the turf to become established. A better plan, and the one we are working under, is to permit the grass to spread from the cricket-ground side across the ball ground as far as the hard use will permit, and then to transfer the bases to the new grass when practicable, and seed the remainder of the ground.

The field is in fine condition for the game, all the drainage being now about completed.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.
Placed on file.

Gymnasium, Ninth Street, Ward 15.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 1 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Bath Trustees in reference to your order requesting them to place a covering over the foundation for the gymnasium on Ninth street, Ward 15, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT OF BATHS,

Boston, February 28, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: The Bath Trustees have received the order of the Common Council of February 15, requesting that they cover the foundation of the gymnasium situated on Ninth street, Ward 15, and by a vote passed by the Trustees on February 27, after due consideration of the matter, I am authorized to state that, while they have a small amount of money on hand, it would be a wilful waste of money to cover the foundation at this time, and they do not deem it advisable.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES F. MORSE, Secretary.

Placed on file.

Sinking-funds in Globe Bank.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 1 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-funds in answer to your order requesting information as to the amount deposited to their credit in the Globe National Bank on May 1, 1897, and February 1, 1899, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SINKING-FUNDS,

City Hall, March 1, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: In compliance with the request of the Common Council, dated February 15, 1900, the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-funds would respectfully report that the deposit of the Board in the Globe National Bank on May 1, 1897, was \$20,161.07, and on February 1, 1899, \$190,101.76.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. O'NEIL, Chairman, pro tempore.

Assigned to the next meeting and ordered printed.

Asphalting Back Bay Streets.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 1 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: I take pleasure in laying before you, for attention and action, fourteen petitions signed by H. H. Hunnewell and other residents of Ward 11, asking that

the streets from Arlington to Dartmouth, and from Marlborough to the water, be asphalted as an experiment. The area referred to is not far from 60,000 square yards, and the expense asked for may be about \$200,000. The experiment is worth making, but is not covered by the annual appropriation bill. If the City Council will vote for the measure, and provide the means, no effort will be spared to do the very best. I suggest that the petitions be referred to a joint committee, and judged on their merits.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

We, the undersigned residents or property-owners in the herein described district, believing the intolerable dust of our streets to be a serious menace to health and an injury to property, and considering asphalt pavement to be the most practical remedy, respectfully petition that this pavement, already in use over a large portion of Beacon street, be completed in that street from Dartmouth to Arlington streets, also that it should be extended to Marlborough street, and the cross streets from Commonwealth avenue north as far as the alley in the rear of Beacon, including Beaver and Otter streets. This would mean but little more than the completion of an unfinished work, but would ever an area sufficient to fairly test the advantage of asphalt. Under the present condition of different pavements within short distances the best results cannot be obtained. We most urgently solicit an early consideration of this matter.

H. H. HUNNEWELL, and many others.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Changes in street names having been made by the Board of Street Commissioners, were confirmed by the Board of Aldermen and approved by the Mayor, as follows:

Approved February 21:

Name of Peter Parley street, at West Roxbury, leading from Washington street to Walnut avenue, changed to Peter Parley road.

Name of Dove street, at South Boston, leading from Dorchester street to E street, changed to Dresser street.

Approved February 26:

Name of Bothnia street, leading from Boylston street to Belvidere street, changed to St. Cecilia street.

Name of Shamrock street, at Dorchester, leading from Dorchester street to Freeport street, changed to Kimball street.

Name of Robert street given to the public way at West Roxbury, leading from Brandon street to South street, which is an extension of the way known as Robert street.

The following orders, having been passed by the Board of Aldermen, have been approved by the Mayor:

Approved February 27:

Ordered, That the Special Committee of this Board appointed to investigate the management of the Park Department, be authorized to give public hearings, employ a stenographer, and incur such other expense as may be necessary; the expense of the same to be charged to the contingent fund of the Board of Aldermen.

Permit to Simpson Brothers to project two signs at 15½ Merchants row, Ward 6.

Approved February 28:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to close the roadway on Parkman street, between Gibson and Dix streets, Ward 24, to public travel, during the time necessary for sewer construction at Tenean creek.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along the north-easterly corner of Centre and Eliot streets, Ward 23, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone, and report to the Board a schedule of the cost thereof.

Approved March 1:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Day & Stimson to construct, maintain and use areas, with granite and sidewalk light covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of Faneuil Hall Market, cellar No. 6, Merchant's row and North Market street, as shown on plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1900, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to T. J. Billings to move a wooden building, pitch roof, forty-four feet in length, by twenty-six feet in width, by thirty feet in height, from location on Adams street to Arcadia street, thence through Arcadia and Corwin streets, to lot on the corner of Corwin and Westville streets, Ward 20, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

ORDERS PASSED—NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following orders, etc., have been passed by the City Council, and do not require the approval of the Mayor:

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested by this Board to appear before the Committee on Railroads of the General Court now in session, in relation to the proposed lease of the Boston and Albany Railroad to the New York Central Railroad Corporation, to the end that the financial interests of the Commonwealth and the business and commercial interests of the City of Boston may be properly guarded.

Whereas, In the opinion of the members of the City Council it is for the best interests of the City of Boston that House Bill No. 927, entitled "An Act relative to the Rate of Taxation and Indebtedness of the City of Boston," should become a law; it is therefore

Resolved, That the said bill receives the hearty endorsement of the members of the City Council, and that the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen and the President of the Common Council, in co-operation with the Committee on Legislative Affairs, be requested to appear before the Committees on Metropolitan Affairs and Taxation and favor the passage of the said bill.

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston the passage by the General Court of the act relative to foot bridges (House Bill No. 391), which provides for the construction of foot-bridges during the repairing of bridges forming parts of highways, would be a benefit to the citizens of Boston and of assistance in facilitating public travel.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolve be sent to each member of the Committee on Roads and Bridges of the General Court.

Ordered, That all applications for money for memorial purposes under the provisions of Chapter 76 of the Acts of 1886, be submitted to the City Council on or before the first day of April, 1900, and that a special committee, to consist of eight members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to consider said applications, and report to the City Council an apportionment of the said money that may be appropriated for said memorial purposes.

Ordered, That the President and one member of the Common Council from each ward, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed a committee to prepare and report a plan for the celebration of the Fourth of July.

Ordered, That nine members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed to make arrangements for the celebration of the Seventeenth of June.

Ordered, That eight members of the Common Council, with such as the Board of Aldermen may join, be appointed a committee to prepare and report a programme for the celebration of Labor's Holiday.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following orders have been passed by the Board of Aldermen, and do not require the approval of the Mayor:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to submit a list of twenty streets in the so-called "down-town district," which are most in need of being repaved, and the several costs thereof.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, wherever and whenever practical and needed, to water the streets to abate the dust nuisance, which has become intolerable on the Back Bay.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets furnish this Board with information in relation to the sewers in Wards 7 and 13; when and where constructed, of what material and the size of same, also their general condition at the present time.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to inform this Board as to the practicability and advisability of abolishing the present system of collecting ashes and

offal in the Dorchester District by contract, and what it would cost to have said work performed by the Sanitary Division; also what appropriation would be necessary to provide buildings and sufficient land for establishing headquarters for the Sanitary and Street-cleaning Divisions in the said Dorchester district.

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to provide a fire-alarm box for the Mt. Bowdoin district, near or on Rosseter street, Ward 20.

Ordered, That the Committee on Building Department (Aldermanic), be, and is hereby, requested to examine and report to this Board whether the permanent awning, supported by iron posts and with an iron roof, now located in front of the entrance to the Tremont Theatre is constructed in accordance with the order of the Board of Aldermen passed June 6, 1893.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Lamps be instructed to place additional lamps on Way Street, between Albany and Harrison avenue, as the street in its present condition is dangerous to public safety and not properly lighted.

Ordered, That the Water Commissioner, through His Honor the Mayor, be requested to report to this Board as early as possible, the quantity of water consumed in the City of Boston during the years 1898 and 1899.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Superintendent of Streets to remove that portion of the Porter-street sewer between the foot-bridge and the railroad bridge in East Boston. Said sewer is not used.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following order was promulgated by the Board of Police on February 27, 1900: General Order No. 671.

I. Commencing March 1, current, officers on duty on the last half of the night shall telephone to the station, instead of pulling a duty call, after the first hour; and officers on duty as floormen on the last half of the night shall do duty at the signal desk when not otherwise engaged.

II. The following transfers in the Department are hereby ordered to take effect at roll-call, 5.45 o'clock P.M., March 1:

SERGEANTS.

George H. Guard, Division 14 to Division 16; William B. Murphy, Division 16 to Division 14.

PATROLMEN.

James H. Waldron, Division 1 to Division 11; John F. M. Burk, Division 2 to Division 7; James H. McLean, Division 3 to Division 10; William S. Drake, Division 6 to Division 11; Everett E. Chandler, Division 10 to Division 11; William J. Sweeney, Division 11 to Division 1; John M. Field, Division 11 to Division 3; John G. Bostwick, Division 11 to Division 9.

III. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman John Hayes, of Division 2, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Neglect of duty, in that he did not report at the station-house at the end of his tour of duty, the Board finds the said Patrolman Hayes guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of ten days' pay.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

LEGISLATIVE BILL.

The following bill concerning the City of Boston has been introduced in the Massachusetts Legislature, and has been referred to the appropriate committee:

In the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 691 accompanies the petition of Francis W. Kittredge; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Regulate the Erection and Maintenance of School Buildings in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor of the City of Boston shall appoint three citizens, residents of said Boston, one for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and at the expiration of said terms subsequent appointments shall be for three years, to constitute a commission whose duty it shall be to take and have charge of the erection and maintenance of all school buildings in the City of Boston; they shall select all sites for new buildings, subject to the approval of the School Board; shall appoint and fix compensation for their own agents, and have full control of all moneys appropriated for said purposes, subject to the approval of the Mayor.

Sect. 2. The said Commission shall receive an annual salary as follows:

Four thousand five hundred dollars for the Chairman.

Four thousand dollars for each of the others.

Sect. 3. All other acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect on its passage.

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24. S. B. 117, an Act relative to the bequest of the late Charlotte Harris to the Charlestown Public Library, p. 98. (See also No. 40.)	Libraries. Feb. 14.	Mch. 19.								

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25. H. B. 2, an Act to incorporate the City Trust Company, p. 98.	Banks and Bank- ing. Jan. 10.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H.(H.B.2.)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 5.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.
26. H. B. 22, an Act to regulate the price of gas in the City of Boston, p. 37.	Manufactures. Jan. 10.	Feb. 16, 26, 28, Mch. 2, 7.	Feb. 1. H.(H.B.32)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 5.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.
27. H. B. 32, an Act to extend the time for filing petitions for the assessment of damages accruing from the alterations of the grade crossing of Dorchester avenue in the City of Boston and the Old Colony Railroad, p. 37.	Railroads. Jan. 10.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H.(H.B.32)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 5.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.
28. H. R. 33, a Resolve relative to the assumption of possession of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth, p. 37.	Railroads. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.								
29. H. B. 36, an Act to authorize the lease of the Boston and Albany Railroad to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, p. 37.	Railroads. Jan. 10.	Mch. 1, 21. Closed.								
30. H. B. 37, an Act relative to appeals in case of the taking of land as private property by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, and to confirm its takings of land as private property in the County of Suffolk, p. 37.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 23. Feb. 6, 8. Closed.								
31. H. B. 97, an Act relative to the establishment of gas and electric light plants by the City of Boston, p. 37.	Manufactures. Jan. 11.	Feb. 21, 23. Closed.								
32. H. B. 99, a Resolve relative to the purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth, p. 38.	Railroads. Jan. 11.	Jan. 24, 31. Closed.								
33. H. B. 114, an Act relative to the nomination of Mayor in the City of Boston and Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 38.	Election Laws. Jan. 12.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 28. H.(N.G.C.)							
34. H. B. 160, an Act to provide for the appointment of a Police Commissioner and a Board of Excise Commissioners for the City of Boston, p. 38.	Liquor Law. Jan. 15.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
35. H. B. 161, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside its debt limit to erect school-houses in Ward 22 in said city, p. 39.	Cities. Jan. 16. To Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 17.	Feb. 23, 26. Closed.								
36. H. B. 179, an Act relative to the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen in Boston, p. 39.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Jan. 25. Closed.	Jan. 25. H.(N.P.)							
37. H. B. 180, an Act relative to the President of the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 39.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Jan. 25. Closed.	Jan. 25. H.(N.P.)							
38. H. B. 192, an Act to incorporate the Boston Life Assurance Company, p. 40.	Insurance. Jan. 17.	Jan. 30. Closed.								
39. H. B. 198, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's and Chandler's ponds in the City of Boston and City of Newton, p. 51. (See also No. 75.)	Metropolitan Af- fairs. Jan. 17.	Jan. 26. Closed.	Mch. 7. H.(L.W.)							
40. H. B. 204, an Act to provide for the transfer of the Harris collection of the Charlestown Public Library to the Central Library of the City of Boston, p. 51. (See also No. 24.)	Judiciary (House). Jan. 18.	Jan. 30. Closed.								
41. H. R. 208, a Resolve in favor of submitting to a popular vote the question of State ownership of the Boston and Albany Railroad, p. 51.	Railroads. Jan. 19.	Feb. 9. Closed.								
42. H. B. 217, an Act to incorporate the Johnson Buildings, p. 51.	Mercantile Af- fairs. Jan. 18.	Jan. 31. Closed.	Feb. 5. H.(H.B. 943)	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	Feb. 13. S.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 20.	H. Feb. 23. S. Feb. 28.	App. Mch. 2.
43. H. B. 224, an Act relative to subways and tunnels in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Metropolitan Af- fairs. Jan. 18.	Jan. 30. Feb. 27. Closed.	Mch. 2. H.(L.W.)							
44. H. B. 260, an Act relative to granting liquor licenses in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Liquor Law. Jan. 22.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 26. H.(N.P.)							
45. H. B. 293, an Act relative to the Boston Fire Department, p. 51.	Cities. Jan. 23.	Feb. 12. Closed.								
46. H. B. 295, an Act relative to the registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Election Laws. Jan. 23.	Feb. 8. Closed.	Feb. 28. H.(L.W.)							
47. H. B. 296, an Act to define residence as a requisite for voting in the City of Boston, p. 52.										
48. H. B. 298, an Act to provide for a high-school building in the Charlestown District of the City of Boston, p. 52.	Metropolitan Af- fairs. Jan. 23.	Feb. 23. Closed.								
49. H. R. 308, a Resolve to confirm the acts of Charles W. Whittier as a Justice of the Peace, p. 52.	Probate and In- solvency. Jan. 23.	Jan. 30. Closed.	Jan. 30. H(H.R.308)	Jan. 31.	Feb. 2.	Feb. 6. S.	Feb. 7.	Feb. 8.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.

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50. H. B. 321, an Act in addition to an act to incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company in the City of Boston, p. 52.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 23.	Feb. 2. Closed.	Feb. 5. H (H.B.347)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7.	Feb. 9. S.	Feb. 12.	Feb. 13.	H. Feb. 15. S. Feb. 19.	App. Feb. 20.
51. H. B. 325, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Catherine C. Dodge, p. 52.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
52. H. B. 326, an Act relative to the Metropolitan Water Board, p. 52.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 24.	Jan. 31. Feb. 6. Closed.								
53. H. B. 337, an Act relative to the pensioning of war veterans who are members of the Fire Department of the City of Boston, p. 52.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 5. Closed.	Feb. 8. H. (L. W.)							
54. H. B. 343, an Act to provide for the construction of a hospital in East Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 24.	Feb. 6. Closed.	Feb. 16. H (H.B.399)	Feb. 19.	Feb. 23.	Feb. 27. S.	Mch. 1. Ref.			
55. H. B. 355, an Act to incorporate the Marine Park Tower Company, p. 53.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 24.	Feb. 9, 13. Closed.								
56. H. B. 370, an Act to authorize the Lexington and Boston Street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property, p. 53.	Street Railways. Jan. 30.	Mch. 6.								
57. H. B. 371, an Act to authorize the Fitchburg Railroad Company to take lands in Boston for freight purposes, p. 53.	Railroads. Jan. 25.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
58. H. B. 375, an Act relative to the improvement of Stony brook in the City of Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 25.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
59. H. B. 386, an Act to regulate the price of gas in that portion of the City of Boston known as East Boston, p. 53.	Manufactures. Jan. 25.	Feb. 16, 26, 28. Mch. 2, 7.								
60. H. B. 397, an Act to authorize and direct the Metropolitan Park Commission to acquire Fuller's wharf, in Brighton, as a part of the Charles-river reservation, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 25.	Feb. 6. Closed.	Feb. 14. H (H.B.397)							
61. H. B. 411, an Act relative to the fares charged by any street railway operating in the City of Boston, p. 68.	Street Railways. Jan. 26.	Mch. 8.								
62. H. R. 417, Resolutions relative to an appropriation by the Congress of the United States for the improvement of Boston Harbor, p. 68.	Federal Relations. Jan. 29.	Feb. 2. Closed.	Feb. 2. H (H.R.417)		Feb. 6. Ad.	Feb. 8. S.		Feb. 9. Ad.		
63. H. B. 420, an act to regulate the price of gas in the City of Boston, p. 68.	Manufactures. Jan. 29.	Feb. 16, 26, 28. Mch. 2, 7.								
64. H. B. 434, an Act to further define the duties of Boards of Registrars of Voters in all the cities of the Commonwealth, p. 68.	Election Laws. Jan. 29.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 7. H. (L. W.)							
65. H. B. 435, an Act to extend the time for building the Boston, Quincy and Fall River Bicycle Railway, p. 68.	Street Railways. Jan. 29.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Feb. 26. H (H.B.435)	Mch. 1.	Mch. 2.					
66. H. B. 441, an Act to require the Metropolitan Park Commission to rebuild the bridge over the Neponset river, between Blue Hills parkway in the Town of Milton and Mattapan square in the City of Boston, p. 69.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 29.	Feb. 6. Closed.								
67. H. B. 448, an Act in favor of Anna W. Wason, p. 69.	Cities. Jan. 31.									
68. H. B. 449, an Act to provide rooms in the City of Boston in which to hold the Probate Court of Norfolk County in certain cases, p. 69.	Counties. Jan. 29.	Feb. 20. Closed.								
69. H. B. 478, an Act to exempt the estate No. 13 Compton street in the City of Boston from the operation of the building laws, p. 69.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 9. Closed.								
70. H. B. 495, an Act to regulate the distribution of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 69.	Liquor Law. Jan. 30.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 26. H. (L. W.)							
71. H. B. 499, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside of its debt limit to erect a municipal building in South Boston, p. 70.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13. Closed.								
72. H. B. 515, an Act to extend the time for filing petitions for the assessment of damages accruing from the location and construction of railroads under the provisions of the Act to provide for a South Union station, p. 70.	Railroads. Jan. 30.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
73. H. B. 516, an act relative to the Boston and Suburban Express Company, p. 70.	Street Railways. Jan. 30.	Mch. 9.								

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74. H. B. 528, an Act to revise the charter of the City of Boston, p. 70.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.									
75. H. B. 537, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's and Chandler's ponds by the Metropolitan Park Commission, p. 71. (See also No. 39.)	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 13.								
76. H. B. 540, an Act relative to the disposition of fees for the solemnization of marriages received by the City Registrar or Assistant City Registrar of the City of Boston, p. 71.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 31.	Feb. 26. Closed.								
77. H. R. 545, a Resolve relative to the building known as the Westminster Chambers in the City of Boston, p. 71. (See also No. 80.)	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 6. Closed.								
78. H. B. 551, an Act to promote the location and construction of freight tracks on the Commonwealth flats in South Boston, p. 71.	Harbors and Public Lands. Jan. 31.	Feb. 20, 26. Mch. 2.								
79. H. B. 561, an Act to rebuild the Broadway bridge in the City of Boston, p. 71.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 13. Closed.								
80. H. B. 567, an Act relative to the building at the corner of St. James avenue and Trinity place in the City of Boston, p. 71. (See also No. 77.)	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 6. Closed.								
81. H. B. 568, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of William J. Ryau, p. 71.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 26. Closed.								
82. H. B. 576, an Act to authorize the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company to establish a guaranty capital, p. 71.	Insurance. Jan. 31.	Feb. 21. Closed.								
83. H. B. 579, an Act relative to the hiring of laborers by the City of Boston, p. 72.	Labor. Jan. 31.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
84. H. B. 587, an Act to provide for the construction of the esplanade on Charles river, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 14. Closed.	Feb. 19. H. (L.W.)							
85. H. B. 598, an Act relative to the appointment of pilots and Pilot Commissioners for Boston harbor, p. 72.	Judiciary (House) Jan. 31.	Mch. 8.								
86. H. B. 600, an Act relative to the appointment of court officers in the municipal courts in the County of Suffolk, p. 99.	Judiciary (House) Jan. 31.	Mch. 1. Closed.								
87. H. B. 606, an Act to provide for additional subways in the City of Boston, p. 72.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 27. Mch. 12.								
88. H. R. 608, a Resolve to confirm the acts of James E. Leach as a Justice of Peace, p. 73.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 31.	Feb. 19. Closed.	Feb. 19. H. (H.R. 608)	Feb. 20.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 26. S.	Feb. 27.	Feb. 28.	H. Mch. 2. S. Mch. 6.	App. Mch. 7.
89. H. B. 621, an Act relative to expenses of medical examiners and other county officers, p. 73.	Counties. Feb. 1.	Mch. 2. Closed.								
90. H. B. 622, an Act relative to caucuses in the City of Boston, p. 73.	Election Laws. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
91. H. B. 631, an Act relative to the pensioning of war veterans who are members of the police force of the City of Boston, p. 74.	Cities. Feb. 1.									
92. H. B. 638, an Act relative to parkways in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
93. H. B. 639, an Act to direct the Boston Transit Commission to widen Pleasant street in the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15, 27. Mch. 12.								
94. H. B. 640, an Act to provide for establishing a playground to meet the wants of Wards 15 and 16 of the City of Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
95. H. B. 654, an Act relative to the advertising of legal notices in the County of Suffolk and City of Boston, p. 74.	Judiciary (House) Feb. 1.	Mch. 1. Closed.								
96. H. B. 660, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside the debt limit for the purpose of completing its public parks, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
97. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the crossings of railroads and public ways in East Boston, p. 74.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Mch. 9.								
98. H. B. 676, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to establish and maintain an industrial school, p. 99.	Cities. Feb. 1. To Education. Feb. 7.	Feb. 23, 28. Closed.								
99. H. B. 678, an Act relative to the School Committee of the City of Boston, p. 83.	Education. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21, 27. Closed.								

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100. H. B. 679, an Act to establish a School-house Department in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Education. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21, 27. Closed.								
101. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the number of liquor licenses which may be issued by cities and towns, p. 99.	Liquor Law. Feb. 1.	Mch. 2. Closed.								
102. H. B. 688, an Act to provide for the creation and disbursement of a public school janitor's retirement fund in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
103. H. B. 689, an Act to incorporate the South Bay Wharf and Warehouse Company, p. 84.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 7.								
104. H. B. 690, an Act to provide for the construction of additional subways in the City of Boston, p. 84.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 27. Closed.								
105. H. B. 691, an Act to regulate the erection and maintenance of school buildings in the City of Boston, p. 140.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 23, 26. Closed.								
106. H. B. 693, an Act relative to the parks, parkways and boulevards of the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 6. H.(L.W.)							
107. H. B. 694, an Act relative to streets and lands in the neighborhood of parks, parkways and boulevards in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 6. H.(L.W.)							
108. H. B. 713, an Act to abolish fees for dog licenses in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Probate and Insolvency. Feb. 1.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H.(H.B.713)	Feb. 21.	Feb. 23.	Mch. 1. S.				
109. H. B. 723, an Act relative to Back street in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 1. To Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 8.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 5. H.(H.B.723)	Mch. 6.						
110. H. B. 726, an Act for the purchase by the Commonwealth of the road, franchise, property, rights and privileges of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, p. 85.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 27. Mch. 20.								
111. H. B. 729, an Act to enlarge the Board of Railroad Commissioners and to purchase the Boston and Albany Railroad, p. 85.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Mch. 20.								
112. H. B. 740, an Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 353 of the Acts of 1892, relative to pensioning members of the Police Department of the City of Boston, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Mch. 1.								
113. H. B. 746, an Act to provide fenders on certain conveyances operating in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. Mch. 6, 13.								
114. H. B. 748, an Act relative to the election of aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
115. H. B. 752, an Act relative to the appointment of constables in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 6. H.(L.W.)							
116. H. B. 756, an Act relative to the appointment of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Mch. 5. H.(N.P.)							
117. H. B. 758, an Act to provide for the care and support of the insane by the Commonwealth, p. 86.	Public Charitable Institutions. Feb. 2.									
118. H. B. 772, an Act relative to the construction of tenement-houses in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Mch. 1, 9.								
119. H. B. 775, an Act relative to registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 87.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
120. H. B. 776, an Act relative to names upon the voting lists of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
121. H. B. 784, an Act to incorporate the First Motor Vehicle Company, p. 88.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13, 14. Closed.								
122. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston to lay out and construct a bicycle path across the Common, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H.(L.W.)							
123. H. B. 788, an Act relative to the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Mch. 7.								
124. H. B. 789, an Act relative to the system of playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
125. H. B. 796, an Act relative to pensioning medical examiners of the County of Suffolk, p. 88.	Public Health. Feb. 2.	Mch. 9.								
126. H. B. 802, an Act to limit all steam railroads to a five-cent fare within the limits of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	Mch. 2. Closed.								

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127. H. B. 804, an Act to authorize persons qualified to vote for Governor to vote at the next State election on the question of the purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth, p. 100.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	Mch. 6. Closed.								
128. H. B. 825, an Act relating to the Probate and Insolvency Court for the County of Suffolk, p. 100.	Public Service. Feb. 2.	Mch. 8.								
129. H. B. 830, an Act relative to the appointment of inspectors of milk for the City of Boston, p. 100.	Agriculture. Feb. 5.	Mch. 7.								
130. H. B. 832, an Act relative to the opening of streets in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2.								
131. H. B. 844, an Act relative to membership of Metropolitan commissions, p. 100.	Public Service. Feb. 5.	Feb. 20. Mch. 8.								
132. H. B. 845, an Act to provide for minority representation on the Metropolitan commissions, p. 101.	Public Service. Feb. 15.	Feb. 20. Mch. 8.								
133. H. B. 848, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.								
134. H. B. 851, an Act relative to extension of system of the Boston Elevated Railway Company in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Street Railways. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 5. H. (N. P.)							
135. H. B. 866, an Act relative to the limitation of height of second class buildings in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 9.								
136. H. B. 867, an Act relative to the construction of cellars in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 9.								
137. H. B. 876, an Act to regulate the election of caucus officers in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Election Laws. Feb. 5.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 15. H. (L.W.)							
138. H. B. 879, an Act relative to pilots on tug-boats engaged in towing vessels bound to or from certain ports within the limits of Boston harbor, p. 101.	Harbors and Public Lands. Feb. 5.	Feb. 28. Mch. 8.								
139. H. B. 882, an Act to provide for the appointment of a Board of Excise for the City of Boston, p. 101.	Liquor Law. Feb. 5.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
140. H. B. 883, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to take additional land for the purpose of caring for the insane, p. 102.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.								
141. H. B. 893, an Act to regulate the price of gas in that part of the City of Boston known as Charlestown, p. 102.	Manufactures. Feb. 5.	Feb. 16, 26, 28. Mch. 2, 7.								
142. H. B. 914, an Act to exempt the City of Boston from the provisions of the civil service laws, p. 102.	Public Service. Feb. 5.	Mch. 13.								
143. H. B. 919, an Act to regulate railroad fares in the suburban district of Boston, p. 102.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.								
144. H. B. 920, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban district of Boston, p. 102.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.								
145. H. B. 924, an Act to provide for a Greater Boston by permitting towns and cities adjoining to be annexed by concurrent vote, p. 120.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 5.	Mch. 7.								
146. H. B. 927, an Act relative to the rate of taxation and indebtedness of the City of Boston, p. 121.	Taxation and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2, 15.								
147. H. B. 939, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to license business brokers, p. 121.	Judiciary (House.) Feb. 5.	Feb. 1. Closed.								
148. H. B. 942, an Act to provide for a Board of Elections for the City of Boston, p. 103.	Election Laws. Feb. 5.	Feb. 28.	Feb. 28. H. (L.W.)							
149. H. B. 974, an Act relative to pensioning of members of the police force of the City of Boston, p. 121.	Cities. Feb. 9.									
150. H. B. 994, an Act to provide improved access to and from South Boston, p. 121.	Metropolitan Affairs.									
151. H. B. 1024, an Act to change the name of the House for the employment and reformation of juvenile offenders in the County of Suffolk and for other purposes, p. 122.	Prisons. Feb. 23.	Mch. 15.								

H., signifies House; S., Senate; B., Bill; R., Resolve; (N. P.), Ought not to Pass; (L. W.), Leave to Withdraw; N. G. C., Next General Court; Rej., Rejected; Am., Amended; App., Approved; Ad., Adopted.

Awards of Contracts.

Street Department.

Proposals for furnishing the Street Department with bank gravel and sand, by districts, were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on February 20, as follows:

SOUTH BOSTON.

Bidders.	Gravel Bids per double load.	Sand Bids per double load.
Jeremiah J. Sullivan . . .	\$1 70	\$1 70
Old Colony Sand and Brick Company	1 50	1 36
P. O'Riorden	1 50	1 36
O. Nawn & Co.	1 60	1 60
Frank J. Hannon	1 60	1 60
M. E. Nawn	1 75	1 90

The contract was awarded to the Old Colony Sand and Brick Company.

EAST BOSTON.

Old Colony Sand and Brick Company	\$1 75	\$1 75
L. F. Leary	1 80	1 80

The contract was awarded to the Old Colony Sand and Brick Company.

CHARLESTOWN.

J. J. Sullivan	\$1 68	\$1 68
Old Colony Sand and Brick Company	1 95	1 95
P. O'Riorden	1 40	1 10
O. Nawn & Co.	1 60	1 60

The contract was awarded to P. O'Riorden.

BRIGHTON.

Frank R. Kimball	\$1 50	\$1 50
Neill McBride	2 00	2 00
D. E. Lynch	1 60	1 65
J. O'Brien	1 43	1 58
Old Colony Sand and Brick Company	1 80	1 80
O. Nawn & Co.	1 95	1 95
M. E. Nawn	1 65	1 75

The contract has not been awarded.

WEST ROXBURY.

J. A. Whittemore's Sons . .	\$1 10	\$1 00
Thomas F. Minton	1 25	1 25
Old Colony Sand and Brick Company	1 60	1 55
O. Nawn & Co.	1 60	1 60
M. E. Nawn	1 50	1 50

The contract was awarded to J. A. Whittemore Sons.

DORCHESTER.

Frank McGovern	\$1 80	\$1 80
John McShane	1 75	1 85
J. A. Whittemore's Sons . .	1 50	1 50
Old Colony Sand and Brick Company	1 45	1 50
O. Nawn & Co.	1 70	1 70
M. E. Nawn	1 75	1 80

The contract was awarded to the Old Colony Sand and Brick Company.

ROXBURY.

Thomas F. Welch	\$1 00	—
Thomas F. Minton	1 69	\$1 69
Old Colony Sand and Brick Company	1 65	1 65
O. Nawn & Co.	1 60	1 60
M. E. Nawn	1 44	1 44
C. J. Jacobs	1 35	1 45
William Gilligan	1 45	1 45

The contract was awarded to Thomas F. Welch.

CITY PROPER, DISTRICT NO. 8.

J. J. Sullivan	\$1 68	\$1 68
Old Colony Sand and Brick Company	1 55	1 65
P. O'Riorden	1 49	1 40
O. Nawn & Co.	1 60	1 60
M. E. Nawn	1 75	1 80
C. J. Jacobs	1 35	1 35
William Gilligan	1 50	1 45

The contract was awarded to C. J. Jacobs.

CITY PROPER, DISTRICT NO. 9.

J. J. Sullivan	\$1 75	\$1 75
J. O'Brien	1 58	1 58
Old Colony Sand and Brick Company	1 55	1 65
P. O'Riorden	1 70	1 60
O. Nawn & Co.	1 60	1 60
M. E. Nawn	1 60	1 60
C. J. Jacobs	1 35	1 35
William Gilligan	1 45	1 45

The contract was awarded to C. J. Jacobs.

CITY PROPER, DISTRICT NO. 10.

J. J. Sullivan	\$1 50	\$1 50
Old Colony Sand and Brick Company	1 75	1 75
P. O'Riorden	1 30	1 10
O. Nawn & Co.	1 60	1 60
M. E. Nawn	1 85	1 85
William Gilligan	1 65	1 65

The contract was awarded to P. O'Riorden.

Proposals for furnishing 500,000 Philadelphia size paving blocks were opened on February 26, as follows:

Rockport Granite Company	\$56 90
Pigeon Hill Granite Company	57 70

The contract was awarded to the Rockport Granite Company.

Proposals for furnishing 500,000 large paving blocks to the Street Department were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, on February 26, as follows:

Rockport Granite Company	\$59 60
Pigeon Hill Granite Company	60 40

The contract was awarded to the Rockport Granite Company.

Proposals for furnishing crosswalk flagging were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, on February 26, as follows:

Bidders.	North river; on wharves, Bids per sq. ft.	North river; on streets, or in yards, Bids per sq. ft.	Granite; on wharves, Bids per sq. ft.	Granite; on streets, or in yards, Bids per sq. ft.
Austin Ford & Son,	\$0.29	\$0.32	\$0.33	\$0.36
S. & R.J. Lombard,	—	—	.29½	.31½
Rockport Granite Company	—	—	.39	.34*
J. J. Cuddihy . .	.28½	.31½	.31	.35

*State of Maine.

The contract for North river flagging was awarded to J. J. Cuddihy; the contract for

granite flagging was awarded to S. & R. J. Lombard.

B. T. WHEELER,
Superintendent of Streets.

Canvass of Bids.

Street Department.

Proposals for collecting and removing ashes, etc., in the Dorchester district for the years 1900 and 1901 were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on March 5, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids Per year.
D. D. Flynn	{ 1900 \$3,940 1901 3,990
David F. Biggs	4,850
D. E. Lynch	6,200
John McShane	4,175
John J. Sullivan	3,780
M. E. Flynn	3,790

All bids were rejected.

B. T. WHEELER,
Superintendent of Streets.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

Old Court House, January 15, 1900.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending January 13, 1900:

WARDS.	PLANS.		PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.	Disap- proved.	New Buildings.	Alterations.	First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.
1...	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
2...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
4...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
5...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3
6...	—	5	—	—	—	—	4	—	29
7...	—	12	1	4	—	—	6	2	48
8...	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	4
9...	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	2
10...	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	5
11...	3	2	—	—	—	—	1	2	6
12...	—	3	—	—	—	—	2	1	5
13...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
14...	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
15...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
16...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1
17...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
18...	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	3
19...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	7
20...	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	9
21...	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	5
22...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	4
23...	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
24...	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	5
25...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	2
T'ls..	11	42	1	6	1	11	21	20	77

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, January 22, 1900.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending January 20, 1900:

WARDS.	PLANS.		PERMITS GRANTED.							
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.		Third Class Buildings.		Alterations and Repairs.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.	First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.
1...	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-
2...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
4...	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
5...	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	3
6...	-	10	-	3	-	14	2	11	29	-
7...	1	2	-	-	1	11	3	12	42	-
8...	-	1	-	1	-	-	3	1	2	9
9...	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	13
10...	-	2	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	20
11...	-	3	-	1	4	-	4	1	-	24
12...	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	24
13...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
14...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	7
15...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
16...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2
17...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	2
18...	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	5	2
19...	1	3	-	-	-	1	2	-	2	19
20...	3	3	-	-	-	2	4	5	1	10
21...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	3	14
22...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	4
23...	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	4	5
24...	-	1	1	-	-	1	2	2	5	9
25...	1	2	-	-	1	-	2	4	2	7
T'ls.	7	35	2	6	6	4	65	27	69	252

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, March 5, 1900.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending March 3, 1900:

Number of chattel mortgages	95
Number of discharges of mortgages	16
Number of assignments of mortgages	3
Number of bills of sale	3
Number of assignments of wages	44
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	4
Number of married women's certificates	11

E. J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

Health Department.

Old Court House, February 17, 1900.

No stable petitions were received or acted upon during the past week.

No seizures of provisions were made during January.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending February 17:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	50	60	110
Negative	123	68	191
No growth	2	-	2
Totals	175	128	303

Typhoid diagnoses: Four cases; negative.
Malaria: Two cases; negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, February 26, 1900.

Statistics for the week ending February 24, 1900:

Cases pending	-
Number of applications	59
Number of admissions:	59

To State Almshouse, Tewksbury	29
Long Island Almshouse	8
Boston Insane Hospital	6
Westboro' Insane Hospital	3
Foxboro' Asylum	3
Number of applications refused	3
Number of applications withdrawn	7
Cases pending	-

Settlements investigated	72
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children	10
Number of applications refused	5
Number of applications withdrawn	7
Cases pending	-
Number of admissions:	52

28 Court Square, March 5, 1900.
Statistics for the week ending March 3, 1900:

Cases pending	-
Number of applications	52
Number of admissions:	52

To State Almshouse, Tewksbury	22
Long Island Almshouse	11
Charlestown Almshouse	2
Boston Insane Hospital	1
Taunton Insane Hospital	3
Foxboro' Asylum	1
Number of applications refused	5
Number of applications withdrawn	7
Cases pending	-

Settlements investigated	68
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children	10
Number of applications refused	5
Number of applications withdrawn	7
Cases pending	-
Number of admissions:	52

W. T. SEDGWICK, Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, February 27, 1900.

Statistics for the week ending February 24, 1900:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	85	11
Females	15	8
Totals	100	19

Offences:		
Against the person	3	1
Against property	11	7
Against public order and decency	87	12
Totals	*101	*20

Discharges:		
Males	97	7
Females	23	1
Totals	120	8

How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	109	5
Permit of Commissioner,	5	1
Payment of fine	6	-
Transferred to Concord	-	2
Totals	120	8

Population:		
February 17, 1900	1,072	503
Committed since February 17, 1900	100	19
Totals	1,172	522
Discharged since February 17, 1900	120	8
February 24, 1900	1,052	514

* One committed charged with two offences.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, February 19, 1900.

Following is a summary of the work of this Department for the week ending February 17, 1900:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.	
Inspections made	402
Defects reported	99
Defects corrected	114
Notices of new work received	3
Feet of dead wire removed	2,800
Fixtures removed	4
Poles removed	16

Complaints of citizens regarding wires and poles investigated and trouble adjusted.

INTERIOR DIVISION.	
Inspections made	265
Notices of new work received	91

The temporary wiring of the various theatres has been inspected, and certain wiring condemned.

Fires have been investigated as follows: At 256 Swett street on February 5. At the Back Bay station of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad on February 12. In the basement of the Boston "Advertiser" building, 246 Washington street, on February 14.

A second alarm of fire from Box 68 was responded to on February 18, at 6.45 P.M.; fire at rear of 498 Albany street.

Approval of permits for street openings for electrical purposes have been granted as follows:

Building connections	3
Pole connections	1
Repairs	4

Inspections of work have been made as follows:

Building connections	4
Pole connections	6
Conduit construction	1
Repairs	1

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

January 31, 1900.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held at the Hospital on January 31, 1900, at 4.30 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Burnham and Keany.

In the absence of the Secretary Dr. Keany was elected Secretary pro tempore.

Voted, That there be paid to Lyuch & Woodward the sum of \$1,000 on account of their contract of December, 1898, for heating and ventilating the Ann White Vose building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose building, Hospital Department.

Voted, That there be paid to Pierce & Cox the sum of \$169.15, on account of their contract of November 29, 1898, for plumbing the Ann White Vose building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose building, Hospital Department.

Voted, That there be paid to Kerrens Driscoll the sum of \$1,000 on account of his contract of August 14, 1897, for erection of laundry building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, Hospital Department.

Voted, That there be allowed and paid to George G. Baker the sum of \$1,626, on account of his contract of August 30, 1899, for alterations and additions to kitchen; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Wyman Building Fund.

Voted, That there be allowed and paid to Wheelwright & Haven the sum of \$40.65, the same being 2½ per cent. commission on \$1,626 paid to George G. Baker; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Wyman Building Fund.

Voted, That there be added to the contract of George G. Baker for alterations and additions to kitchen, order of addition No. 523, dated January 10, 1900, \$55, for difference between allowance in contract, and H. S. Porter's estimate for baker's oven, plus 10 per cent.

Voted, That there be added to the contract of George G. Baker, for alterations and additions to kitchen, order of addition No. 527, dated January 29, 1900, \$95.70, for gas-piping to be done by John O'Connell.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, transmitting a letter from Leopold Louis, executor of the will of his father, Morris Louis, presenting a check for \$250, the same being a bequest to the Hospital, to be applied to any purpose the Trustees may desire. It was voted that the same be accepted and expended for the further equipment of the wards for free patients,

and that the Secretary acknowledge the receipt of the legacy, with gratitude.

A communication was received from William L. Hicks, Registrar of Labor of the Civil Service Commission, in regard to the employment of engineers and boys. Said communication was referred to Mr. Burnham as a committee of one.

It was voted that hereafter the President, Secretary, or the Chairman of the Committee on Service, may sign the weekly pay-rolls; or, in the absence of all three of the persons named, that any Trustee may approve of the weekly pay-rolls, the same to be signed, if possible, on Friday.

It was also voted that in the absence of the Superintendent, the Acting Superintendent is authorized to approve and forward the pay-rolls of the Hospital Department.

Preliminary sketches of the relief and ambulance station on Haymarket square, were submitted by the architects, Kendall, Taylor & Stevens. The same were discussed, and ordered to be returned to the architects for further elaboration.

Upon the recommendation of the Medical Committee, it was voted that the Secretary of the Trustees be requested to transmit to the Secretary of the State Board of Health the following: That it is a matter of great regret on the part of the Trustees, that the Hospital is not able to obtain sufficient quantities of diphtheria antitoxin, as desired by the attending physicians of the Hospital Department, and requesting that so far as possible, the State Board of Health will kindly endeavor to meet the requisitions for antitoxin whenever made by the physicians of the Hospital.

FRANCIS J. KEANY,
Secretary pro tempore.

Library Department.

Friday, February 23, 1900.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, DeNormandie, Bowditch, Dwight and Lincoln.

Received: Communication dated February 14, from the Chairman of the Library Committee of the Roslindale Citizens' Association; the Librarian's report.

Salaries were fixed as follows: Anita Hemmings, grade B, catalogue department, \$13, March 1; Grace A. Hitchcock, grade B, special, special libraries, \$15.50, March 1.

The Librarian reported important gifts as follows: From Col. Thomas Wentworth Higginson, a collection of manuscripts relating to John Brown; from Mrs. Rufus W. Griswold, a collection of literary manuscripts made by her late husband. Special thanks of the Corporation were voted for these valuable gifts.

The Librarian was authorized to have the windows at the Brighton Branch repaired at a cost of \$25.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$254.81; to trust funds, \$94.10; Fellowes Athenæum, \$27.74; Station "P," \$4.66; miscellaneous articles, \$257.30; seats for Lecture Hall, \$225.

One special privilege card was granted.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Park Department.

Following is an abstract of the records of recent meetings of the Board of Park Commissioners:

February 12, 1900.

The Superintendent called attention to the fact that after providing for outstanding obligations, and for the prosecution of planting in the spring, the appropriation for construction only has to its credit \$2,551.39, which necessitates the cutting down of the force to a maintenance basis, and recommended, in view of the small number of men that can be retained, that the best workmen be selected. It was thereupon

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized and directed to reduce the force to the basis of the appropriation for maintenance, in accordance with his recommendation.

February 19, 1900.

Voted, That S. I. Hudgens be given permission to keep burros and ponies for hire on Franklin and Marine Parks on Sundays and holidays during the present season, provided the burros, equipments and locations are approved by the Superintendent of Parks.

Voted, That the form of application for team work be amended by striking out the requirement that applications must be sworn to, and inserting a requirement that receipted tax bills must accompany the application.

Voted, That the regulations governing the operation of motor vehicles on the public parks or boulevards be amended by inserting after the word "road" the words—"boulevards and highways"—so that the last part of said regulations shall read as follows: "No person shall run or operate a motor vehicle on the public parks between the hours of 10.30 A.M. and 9 P.M. except upon the traffic roads, boulevards and highways, or to gain access by the shortest way from the nearest street to a house fronting on a parkway."

The Board having previously voted that the golf links at Franklin Park be hereafter maintained at the expense of the Department, and opened to the public free of charge, the regulations were amended so as to read as follows:

General Rules—Persons using the links must have had experience as players, and hold permits from the Park Commissioners, which may be obtained on application to the greenkeeper in writing. The greenkeeper is authorized to exclude from the grounds any person who is not sufficiently familiar with the game to play without incommoding or endangering other players.

A person not familiar with the game may receive instruction from any person authorized to give lessons for usual fees, but he must not obstruct regular players in the use of the grounds.

The greenkeeper will be responsible for the conduct of all caddies, and will keep a record of their names and the numbers of their badges.

No caddie will be allowed to solicit employment without his badge, and he must not solicit employment beyond the first tee.

Any caddie found guilty of purloining balls will be summarily discharged.

All complaints must be made to the greenkeeper, and if well founded he shall suspend the offending caddie from employment for a certain number of days, commensurate with the gravity of the offence, taking away his badge for the period he is suspended.

The pay of a caddie shall be fifteen cents for one round of the links or nine holes, and twenty-five cents for two rounds of the links or eighteen holes.

Ground Rules—Players must not loiter about the first tee, but play off in turn of their arrival as rapidly as possible, to make way for those following.

No player should play from the tee until the parties in front have played their second stroke or are out of range.

No player should play to the putting green until the parties in front have holed out and moved away, and players who have holed out should not try their putt over again or stay on the green, but move away at once.

Players looking for a lost ball must allow any other match coming up to pass them.

A party playing three or more balls must allow a two-ball match to pass them.

Turf cut and displaced by a stroke must be at once replaced by the player making the stroke.

The greenkeeper shall have full charge of the course and the conduct of the games, and complaints of violations of the rules governing the course or games by any player may be made to him.

GEORGE F. CLARKE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

February 5, 1900.

The sixty-eighth regular meeting of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Monday, February 5, at 10.30 A.M.

A letter from Dr. E. W. Taylor, secretary of the visiting medical staff, was read, stating that he had received the resignation of Dr. Alexander Quackenboss from the staff.

Voted, That this resignation be accepted, and that the Chairman of the Board be requested to write Dr. Quackenboss, and thank him for his valuable services as ophthalmolo-

gist of the visiting medical staff to the Long Island Hospital.

A letter from Dr. Charles P. Putnam, Secretary of the Trustees for Children, was read, stating that the Children's Trustees were willing to pay board for all minors in the Pauper Institutions up to the age of eighteen, but not after that age.

A report of the Committee on Finance, under date of January 22, was read. The recommendations of this Committee, regarding the award of contracts for beef, mutton and fish, had been acted upon at the special meeting of January 29, with the exception of the recommendation regarding fresh fish, which the Board had decided to buy in the open market, rejecting all bids. (See THE CITY RECORD, No. 6, page 77.)

The Chairman of the Committee on Registration and Special Cases reported that the Institutions Registration Department had been requested to report to this Board every case that is refused admission to the Almshouse, in addition to cases admitted, and the cases sentenced as vagrants.

The Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse came before the Board and reported that the delay in the appointment of an additional man at the institution had made it necessary for her to engage extra help for a few hours a week, to do the heavy work.

Voted, That the vote passed at the last regular meeting of the Board, authorizing the Superintendent of Long Island to employ temporary service of any kind, for a period not exceeding one week, to meet the needs of an emergency, shall apply also to the Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse.

A letter from Mr. William L. Hicks, Registrar of Labor, Civil Service Commission, was read, stating that after February 1, engineers and boys were to be included under the Civil Service rules, and could henceforth be engaged only upon the certification of the Civil Service Commission, and requesting a list of the names and dates of appointment of all such persons at present employed by this Department. The Secretary was requested to send the required list to Mr. Hicks.

A letter from the Agent of the Board was read, stating that the question of the issuance of passes to visit inmates at Long Island, which had been previously referred to the then Chairman of the Board, Prof. William T. Sedgwick, had been settled; that the passes are to be issued by the Institutions Registrar, an annexed pass signed by the Penal Institutions Commissioner, giving transportation on the "J. Putnam Bradlee," and two coupons retained, one to be filed in the Institutions Registration Department, under the name of the visitor, the other to be filed in the Trustees' office, under the name of inmate visited. The letter also stated that the passes were now in the hands of the printer.

A letter from Miss A. W. Palmer, Secretary of the Conference of District VI. of the Associated Charities, was read, requesting that this Board assume the support of a patient at the Rutland Hospital for Consumptives who had been admitted to that hospital on September 16, 1899, at the request of the Associated Charities. The Board felt that no exception could be made

in this case and that they must abide by the decision expressed in the vote passed on January 1, 1900. (See THE CITY RECORD, No. 4, page 47.) No action was taken, and the matter was left in the hands of the Committee on Registration and Special Cases.

The census of inmates at Long Island on February 3, 1900, was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In Hospital:			
Adults	72	137	209
Children	10	7	17
Women's building	-	194	194
Men's building	233	-	233
Totals	315	338	653

WALTER HUNNEWELL,
Secretary pro tempore.

Street Laying-out Department.

Following is an abstract of the records of recent meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Thursday, February 15.

A sewer was ordered to be built in Chelsea street.

An award of \$1,000 was made to Charles J. McCormick for damages occasioned his estate by the relocation of Swett street.

A petition was received from the Board of Health that the passageways between Norway and Dundee streets may be laid out as public alleys Nos. 445, 446.

Friday, February 16.

It was voted to change the name of Bothnia street to St. Cecelia street, and of Shamrock street to Kimball street, and the orders were sent to the Board of Aldermen for confirmation.

It was voted to name the "substitute way for South street" Robert street. The order was sent to the Board of Aldermen for confirmation.

A petition was received to change the names of Hunneman, Yeoman streets and Norfolk avenue.

An order was received from the Common Council requesting the Street Commissioners to make an estimate of the cost of widening Pleasant street to a width of seventy feet, from Washington street to the subway entrance at the junction of Shawmut avenue and Tremont street.

Monday, February 19.

An order was passed levying the assessment for the cost of the laying out and construction of Lcroy street.

Tuesday, February 20.

It was voted to file changes upon Plaus Z 87, 94 (Plat 10 and Plat 11).

Wednesday, February 21.

An award of \$900 was made to George Martin for damages occasioned his estate by the laying out of Dixfield street; and an award was also made to George A. Bishop of \$3,000, under advice of the Law

Department, for damages occasioned by the laying out of Columbia road.

Petitions were received for the laying out of Orchard place, the extension of Bellevue street, the laying out of Ellingwood street, and for catch-basins in Ivory and Amherst streets.

Monday, February 26.

Orders were received from the City Council requesting the Board to make an estimate of the cost of laying out Ellingwood street and of Cornwall street.

A petition was received for a sewer in Raud street.

Awards were made of \$402.90 to William Killion for damages occasioned his estate by taking made for sewer; of \$3,000 to Audress S. Floyd, for damages occasioned by the laying out of and relocation of Lauriat avenue; and under the advice of the Law Department, of \$3,300 to Alexander Russell for damages occasioned by the laying out of Columbia road; of \$450 to Henry McDonald for damages occasioned by taking for sewerage works, and of \$200 to William Swanton for damages occasioned by taking made for sewerage works, and of \$200 to William Swanton for damages occasioned by taking made for sewerage works.

A sewer was ordered to be built in Millet street and a surface sewer in the same street.

A petition was received for the laying out of Public alley No. 807, in District No. 9, being the passageway from and west of Hemmaway street to Bryant street.

Tuesday, February 27.

Awards were made of \$300 to James V. Devine for damages occasioned by the laying out of Columbia road, and of \$2,700 for damages occasioned by the relocation of South street.

A sewer was ordered to be built in Gardner street.

Petitions were received for the relocation of Washington street, from Ashmont street to Codman street, and for a catch-basin in Roseclair street.

It was voted to agree with Sarah J. and Cornelius W. Conant and Harriet I. Hadley upon the sum of \$4,400 as payment for their estate on Bartlett street, at Charlestown, taken for school purposes.

Wednesday, February 28.

On advice of the Law Department, awards were made of \$2,600 to John P. Ryan for damages occasioned by the widening of Adams street; and of \$750 to Margaret J. Donovan for damages occasioned by taking made for sewerage purposes.

A petition was received for the rebuilding of a sewer in Cotting street.

Thursday, March 1.

A report was made to the Common Council, in accordance with their request, of the Board's estimate of the cost of widening Pleasant street from Washington street to Tremont street.

Friday, March 2.

An order was passed assessing the cost of the laying out and construction of Waterlow street.

Petitions were received for catch-basins in Perkins street, and at the junction of May and Centre streets, at West Roxbury.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

REMOVAL OF PENAL INSTITUTIONS COMMISSIONER.

Mayor Hart has sent the following communication to Penal Institutions Commissioner Marshall:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 6 March, 1900.

ERNEST C. MARSHALL, Penal Institutions Commissioner.

DEAR SIR: In order to bring your Department into harmony with the general purpose for which I was elected Mayor, you are hereby removed from the office you hold, and you will transfer the same, together with all property and papers under your care, to Peter Morrison, your successor.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN E. FITZGERALD.

The death of Mr. John E. Fitzgerald, of New York City, formerly a prominent citizen of Boston, occurred suddenly on Monday evening, March 5, 1900.

Mr. Fitzgerald was born in Ireland in 1844. He came to America when nineteen years of age, and in 1866 settled at Boston, where, in 1868, he was admitted to the Suffolk bar. His political career dates from 1870, when he represented the Seventh Suffolk District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He was thrice re-elected to that office, serving during 1871, 1873 and 1874. During 1872 and 1875 Mr. Fitzgerald was a member of the Common Council, and in 1876 a member of the School Committee, resigning in December of that year, having been elected a member of the Board of Aldermen for the year 1877.

From 1879 to 1886 Mr. Fitzgerald was a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners, acting as Chairman of the Board during a portion of the time. In 1886 he was appointed by President Cleveland Collector of Internal Revenue for the eastern Massachusetts district. Mr. Fitzgerald was selected to make the Fourth of July oration in 1887.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending March 3, 1900, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	25.7
Death rate for corresponding week, 1899,	17.9
Number of deaths:	
Males	136
Females	137
Total	273
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1899	187
Increase	86

Of the 273 decedents, 266 were white and 7 colored; 169 were born in the United States, 99 in foreign countries and the birthplace of 5 was unknown; 69 were of American parentage, 177 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 27 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	88	10
Scarlatina	47	1
Typhoid fever	14	3
Measles	102	2
Totals	251	16

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	26
Pneumonia	47
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	27
Bronchitis	12
Marasmus	6
Violent causes	9
Total from principal causes	129
Total from infectious diseases	16
Total from other causes	128

Total from all causes 273

Deaths of children under 1 year	54
Deaths of children under 5 years	75
Deaths of persons over 60 years	68
Deaths in public institutions	68

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT.

STATE ELECTION.

City Clerk's Office, February 28, 1900.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 548 of the Acts of 1898 and any amendments thereof, notice is hereby given that meetings of the citizens of Ward 8 in this city, qualified to vote for State officers, will be held in the several polling places in said ward designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Monday, the nineteenth day of March next, and all such citizens will on said date, in the several precincts in which they are entitled to vote, give in their votes for one Representative in the General Court.

The polls at said election will be opened at 8 o'clock A.M., and closed at 4 o'clock P.M.

Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The School Committee of the City of Boston will receive proposals for furnishing and installing a plumbing system in the East Boston High School, and for furnishing a bond in the sum of \$5,000 for faithfully doing the work. The office copy of the contract, plans and specifications, may be seen at the office of John Lyman Faxon, 7 Exchange place, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, fill out and sign the proposal and leave at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 P.M. of March 12, 1900, with a certified check for \$1,000, payable to the City of Boston, which is to be the property of the City of Boston if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals of bidders who conform to the above directions, and no other, will, at said hour and place, be publicly opened and read; and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals he deems best for the city.

The bid and check should be enclosed in an envelope, endorsed "Proposal for Plumbing System, East Boston High School."

WILLIAM F. MERRITT,

Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings, of the School Committee of the City of Boston.



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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY.

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONSOLIDATION OF WATER DEPARTMENT DISTRICTS.

The following correspondence concerning the consolidation of the East Boston and Charlestown districts of the Water Department is self-explanatory:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 10 March, 1900.

TO THE WATER COMMISSIONER:

DEAR SIR: In answer to yours of yesterday, you are authorized to consolidate the East Boston and Charlestown districts of your Department, placing it on the same basis as the Dorchester, West Roxbury and Brighton districts.

Your other recommendations will have my early attention.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

WATER DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, March 9, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: I send you herewith enclosed a letter from Assistant Commissioner Ellis, in reference to the condition of things in the

Water Department, so far as relates to the different districts of the city, with a comparative tabulated statement prepared by Chief Clerk Finneran, showing the number of men employed in each district and the amount of work performed in the different districts during the specified periods.

You will see by the tabulated statement attached to Mr. Ellis' report that there are fifty-six men assigned to the Charlestown and East Boston districts, at a weekly expense of \$795 when actually at work on full time, as against fifty men employed in Dorchester, West Roxbury and Brighton, at an expense of \$668.90 per week.

The total area of East Boston and Charlestown is 2,383 acres, while the total area of Dorchester, West Roxbury and Brighton is 15,972 acres. There are in East Boston and Charlestown 678 hydrants, while in Dorchester, West Roxbury and Brighton there are 3,295.

Now the men assigned to the districts enumerated above not only inspect hydrants, but are called upon to respond in case of a break or leak, or to lay and re-lay service pipes. As you will see by the statement prepared by Mr. Finneran, describing the work done at the different yards, there is very little service pipe laid in Charlestown or East Boston, and very few repairs, and whenever there is any main pipe to be laid in either of these districts the men are furnished from the Albany-street yard.

You will see by the above statements, and by the tabulated statements herewith enclosed, that the number of men employed at Charlestown and East Boston is altogether out of proportion to those employed in the larger districts. The Dorchester, West Roxbury and Brighton districts have one foreman each. The Dorchester foreman has a salary of \$1,100 a year, the West Roxbury foreman has \$3.50 per diem, and the Brighton foreman \$3 per diem, while the Charlestown and East Boston districts each have one foreman, one of whom receives \$1,200 per annum, and the other \$3 per diem, with a district superintendent at a salary of \$2,000 per annum, besides a messenger at \$1,000 per annum, and a skilled laborer who really acts as messenger at \$900 per annum.

The city proper, including South Boston and Roxbury, with 3,212 hydrants, covering an area of 6,605 acres, has but thirty-four men in charge of the hydrants at this season of the year, including the foreman.

In addition to all this expenditure in Charlestown and East Boston, we have a reservoir in East Boston containing 220,875 feet, the assessed valuation of which is \$110,200, \$66,000 of which is on the land, \$40,000 on buildings, and about \$4,000 on the ice-house. We also have on Tufts street, Charlestown,

13,050 feet of land valued at \$10,500, \$6,500 on land and \$4,000 on buildings.

As the East Boston reservoir has been practically abandoned so far as water service is concerned, I would recommend that the property in East Boston be disposed of, and that the yard in Charlestown be sold, with the exception possibly of sufficient room to make a headquarters for the Charlestown and East Boston districts, where the tools could be kept and the men be provided with headquarters in case of emergency.

At the Charlestown yard there is a stable which accommodates, if necessary, ten horses. There are but four kept there at present, one driven by the general superintendent, one by the former superintendent of the Brookline reservoir, and another by the assistant superintendent, with one additional horse and wagon which is used for business purposes.

In addition to the above, I would recommend that the Brookline reservoir, which has been practically abandoned as a water supply, be also disposed of as soon as possible. These outlying reservoirs are the remnants of the former Cochituate and Mystic water systems, and before the water supply was taken by the State were of some value to the city, but at the present time it is only an expense to maintain them, and, so far as I can see, they are of no practical value to the Water Department or to the city.

With your permission, I would like to consolidate the East Boston and Charlestown districts, and reduce the number of men to about ten, with one foreman, dispensing with the district superintendent, one foreman, and one or two messengers, which would bring it down to the basis now established in the Dorchester, West Roxbury, and Brighton districts.

It has been the custom of this Department to furnish men to inspect hydrants throughout the city; but it seems to me, as the Fire Department is now relieved from contributing anything to this Department for water, that the hydrants throughout the city should be inspected and taken care of by the Fire Department, which has men patrolling the streets who can perform that duty without any extra expense to that Department. This, of course, applies principally to the winter months, when we are obliged to maintain a large force of inspectors to see that hydrants are kept in working order and ready for immediate use whenever a fire occurs in the district where they are located.

Very respectfully,

A. P. MARTIN, Water Commissioner.

P. S.—Since writing the above I have learned that the total area of land in the Brookline reservoir is 1,447,576 feet, valued

at \$5,800. This valuation was established by State law when the land was taken by the City of Boston in 1847. I am informed that land in the vicinity of this reservoir is selling at 15 to 50 cents per foot, according to location and situation. The sale of this land would bring a very substantial return to the city.

WATER DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, March 8, 1900.

GEN. A. P. MARTIN, Water Commissioner.

DEAR SIR: During the past week I have made visits to Charlestown, East Boston, Dorchester, West Roxbury and Brighton, and have made brief reports on the condition of matters in these various districts. I will now make a final statement in regard to Charlestown district as compared with the others, and I submit with this Chief Clerk Finneran's report to me in detail, from which I have made a condensed statement of comparison. The figures speak for themselves.

I will say, in the first place, that I have eliminated the question of main-pipe laying entirely, for while it is true that District Superintendent Sullivan has had charge of the main-pipe laying in this district to a more or less extent, I do not consider that there is any necessity for a district superintendent for this district, as the work can be done by the Albany-street gang, and in fact is, I think, done principally by them. Superintendent Welch has Assistant Superintendent Flynn under him, also District Superintendents McNulty and Callahan.

The Charlestown district (and this should include properly East Boston also) requires, in my opinion, one working foreman, with a messenger or tallyman, the latter rated as a boy, and a few laborers for emergency cases. A very small office or yard should be sufficient for this whole district, as in case of bad breaks, requiring large gangs of men, the Albany yard can be easily reached. I consider the Charlestown and East Boston offices and yards as entirely out of proportion to the needs of this district, especially the Charlestown quarters. They have in the Charlestown plant a valuable piece of property, I should judge, elaborate stable, and, above all, an enormous force of men at work, — or not at work.

I would call your special attention to the number of hydrants in the different districts, acres of land, which does not include water or flats, and you will note the amount of work done on hydrants and boxes in Charlestown during one week.

Charlestown has 294 hydrants, a less number than any district in Boston, and 1,774 hydrants were inspected during one week of five days. This would seem to be most marvellous diligence, or else the Charlestown hydrant is in a very bad way. Two hundred and ninety-four hydrants inspected 1,774 times in five days is an average of six inspections of each hydrant, and I think this calls for some explanation.

You will note that I give about the number of men working on hydrants in the city proper; that is, all parts of the city except these five districts of Charlestown and the others named, and as a large part of this territory is the old part of Boston, quite as old as Charlestown or East Boston, it would seem as if the hydrants in the city proper would be, if anything, in poorer condition than those of the Charlestown district, and

require quite as much care, and yet it only takes thirty-four men to take care of them all.

The facts seem to me to prove conclusively that an entire change of system is needed in Charlestown and East Boston, and while it might be advisable to have some sort of a yard or office in the district, on a small scale, I certainly think the present Charlestown and East Boston offices and yards should be abandoned and the proceeds of their sale turned into the city treasury.

The question naturally arises as to whether all this inspection of hydrants in the Charlestown district in one week was for the good of the service, or whether it has been continued in order to keep men on the pay-roll.

In regard to the subject of hydrants generally, I beg leave to remind you of the opinion of Superintendent Welch, that there is no necessity for any inspection of hydrants at all, and if they are to be inspected the work should be done by the Fire Department. If the Water Department was freed from this expense it would amount to a very large sum of money.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD C. ELLIS,

Assistant Water Commissioner.

A comparison of the work in Charlestown with other districts is shown by the following table:

DISTRICT.	Number of men assigned to district.	Amount of expense.	Number of men one week five days.	Amount of expense one week.	Number of hydrants in district.	Number of hydrants inspected.	Number of boxes pumped out.	Acres of land.
Charlestown	32	\$470 00	24	\$366 18	294	1,774	94	-
East Boston	24	325 00	15	200 35	384	815	15	-
Total . .	56	\$795 00	39	\$566 53	678	2,589	109	2,383
Dorchester,	21	275 00	18	221 68	1,746	1,106	-	5,268 Est.
W. Roxbury	18	245 00	13	164 44	1,010	710	18	7,965 Est.
Brighton .	11	148 90	11	148 90	539	?	-	2,739
City proper, number of men working on hydrants (estimated) .	34	-	-	-	3,212	-	-	6,605 Est.

Total number of hydrants in Boston, 7,185.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

The following statements and tabular presentations are taken from the annual report for the year 1899-1900 of the Assessing Department, which constitutes Document 3 — 1900:

The aggregate of warrants for the assessment of taxes in the City of Boston for the year beginning February 1, 1899, committed to the Board of Assessors, amounted to \$14,136,450.87.

The polls recorded for assessment before August 17, 1899, and included in the estimate that determined the rate of taxation for the current year were those of 161,401. Under the operation of the law providing for supplementary assessments there were added to the list, 5,388 polls, making the total of males assessed, 166,789.

The valuation of the city, as of the first day of May, 1899, determined by the Assessors August 17 of that year, when the rate of taxation for the current year was fixed, was as follows:

Value of land, marsh and flats . \$507,596,250
Value of dwelling-houses, stores and other structures . 359,213,450

Total value of real estate . \$866,809,700

Value of personal property other than bank stock, separately assessed . \$210,101,500
Value of shares in national banks, located in Boston, taxable in said city . 12,825,052

Total value of personal estate . \$222,926,552

Total valuation . \$1,089,736,252
Supplementary assessments . 248,400

Total valuation when all assessments were made . \$1,089,984,652

To the above amount may be added \$64,298,300 for the value assessed by the Commonwealth upon shares of Massachusetts corporations, the property of residents in Boston; \$1,359,530 for bank stock assessed at the several rates of the places where the banks are located; \$4,770 for shipping owned by Boston citizens which was employed in foreign trade May 1, 1899.

The United States, the Commonwealth, the county, the city, churches, charitable, scientific and other corporations hold property exempt by law from assessment, the value of which is placed at a total of \$200,373,942.

The assets of the City of Boston, as of May 1, 1899, are as follows:

ACTUAL.
Sinking and Consolidated Street Improvement Funds, as per Auditor's report . \$27,511,798 65
Saleable lands (not including islands) and land in charge of Board of Street Commissioners . 1,490,000 00
\$29,001,798 65

NOMINAL.
School-houses . \$11,056,100
Public Library . 3,092,100
Other public buildings, including public bath-houses . 19,508,000
Public Grounds . 343,000
Cemeteries . 1
Ferry property . 567,500
Islands (not included in "other public buildings") . 42,600
Water-works . 40,000,000
Fire apparatus . 460,000
Fire-alarm . 172,000
Miscellaneous . 200,000
75,441,301 00

Total . \$104,443,099 65

The rate of taxation determined by the Assessors was 1.31 per cent., or \$13.10 per \$1,000; of this amount 55 cents was for State, 95 cents for county and \$11.60 for the

city tax. The total taxes and assessments for the year amounted to \$14,874,581.22, of which \$14,612,377.48 were taxes and the residue special assessments for street watering, sewers, etc.

The tax assessments for the financial year were represented by 215,556 bills, of which 30½ per cent. were for property and 69½ per cent. were for poll taxes. The total number of persons assessed on property was 58,890, of which 41,487 were resident individuals, 4,473 non-residents, and 12,930 firms corporations, trustees, etc.

The amount of abatements to January 31, 1900, was for polls, \$498; for real estate, \$46,199.71; for personal estate, \$48,068.52; street-watering assessments, 1898 and 1899, \$5,107.65; sewer charges of 1898, \$3,016.22.

The valuation of 1899, as compared with that of the preceding year, shows a gain on real estate of \$36,575,800, equal to an advance of 4½ per cent., and a gain of \$17,061,034, on personal property, equal to 8.28 per cent. The total valuation of 1899 is more than that of 1889 by \$294,302,508, showing a gain in ten years of 36.99 per cent.

The expenditures of the Department amounted to \$153,500.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the Fire Department for the year ending January 31, 1900, has recently been submitted to Mayor Hart in print. The report constitutes Document 15—1900.

During the year 2,443 alarms were received. The loss on buildings and contents by fire aggregated \$1,630,149, an average loss per alarm of \$677.27. While in the previous year, 1898, the number of alarms received was 1,980, with an attending loss of but \$1,441,261, the average loss per alarm was \$727.90.

The fire-alarm branch of the Department deserves much credit for its successful work in receiving and transmitting the unusually large number of alarms during the year. Of the total length of wire conductors, 761 miles are underground, with some 800 miles of wire stretched on poles.

The necessity of outside stand-pipes on high buildings, of adequate fire-escapes and of a change in the so-called fire limit for preventing the erection of wooden buildings is urgent. The salt-water system extends from Central wharf, up Central street, through Post Office square and Congress street to Atlantic avenue, but before the city should be called on to lay out more money on the extension of that system, property-owners should equip their buildings with standpipes.

Commissioner Russell states that the principle on which the Department has been conducted during the past five years of strengthening the force within its present limits, rather than enlarging it by additional houses and companies, has worked well, and the only recommendation for additional houses he is able to make is for a ladder truck-house, to be located near the present

engine-house of Companies 38-39, on Congress street, South Boston.

The report gives the organization of the Department; a description of the twelve fire districts of the city; a list of the property in charge of the Department, and various statistics concerning the fires which occurred during 1899, with a statement of their causes.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, March 12, 1900, Chairman O'Brien presiding, and a quorum present.

The following messages from the Mayor were received:

List of Laborers in Park Department.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 12 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Park Commissioners in answer to your request for a complete list of the men employed as laborers in the Park Department during the year 1899 is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

PARK DEPARTMENT,

Jamaica Park, March 12, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor:

DEAR SIR: I enclose, in accordance with the order of the Board of Aldermen, also enclosed, a complete list of the men employed as laborers in the Park Department during the year 1899, with their residences.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

(Accompanying the message was the list referred to.)

Placed on file.

Awarding Teaming Work by Lot.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 12 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Park Commissioners in reference to your order requesting them to suspend the practice of awarding teaming work in the Park Department by lot is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

March 10, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: We duly received the enclosed order from the Board of Aldermen,

requesting us to suspend the practice of drawing by lot, from a prepared list, the names of persons to be given teaming work by the Park Department, until the close of the investigation of the Park Department by a committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The practice of drawing annually by lot the names of those who should do the teaming work for the Department has been followed for the last ten years, and was adopted after frequent complaints of favoritism and an appeal to the Board of Aldermen from owners of teams, who claimed that they did not have a fair chance.

Our teaming contracts for this year end April 1. The drawing has been extensively advertised and about four hundred applications already filed, and we consider that it would be contrary to the best interests of the Department and of the city to suspend the drawing.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Gymnastic Apparatus in Fire-houses.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 10 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Fire Commissioner, in answer to your order requesting an estimate of the cost of equipping the various fire-houses with simple gymnastic apparatus, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT,

Bristol Street, March 9, 1900.

HIS HONOR THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: Replying to the request of the Board of Aldermen for an estimate of the cost of gymnastic apparatus for the various houses of this Department, I beg to report that, considering the cost of the equipment furnished to the house on Fort Hill square, \$7,410 would be needed to furnish the same to others.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

Repaving Streets in "Down-town District."

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 10 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Superintendent of Streets in answer to your request that he submit a list of the twenty streets in the "Down-town District" most in need of being repaved is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,
City Hall, March 9, 1900.
TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

In reply to the order of the Honorable the Board of Aldermen, passed February 26, 1900, for information regarding a list of twenty streets in the "Down-town District" most in need of repaving, I respectfully submit the following:

Atlantic avenue, Wards 6 and 7, Oliver to Commercial	\$92,800
Beverly street, Ward 6, Causeway to Warren bridge	22,700
Broad street, Wards 6 and 7, Atlantic avenue to State	33,200
Causeway street, Ward 8, Leverett to Nashua	10,300
Clinton street, Ward 6, Merchants' row to Atlantic avenue	25,000
Commercial street, Ward 6, Fleet to Clinton	30,300
Commercial street, Ward 6, Prince across Eastern avenue	64,600
Congress street, Ward 7, Milk to Atlantic avenue	26,800
Franklin street, Ward 7, Washington to Federal	15,700
Hanover street, Ward 6, Washington to Commercial	39,900
High street, Ward 7, Broad to Summer	44,700
Merrimac street, Wards 6 and 8, Sudbury across Pitts	12,600
North street, Ward 6, Blackstone to Fleet	30,300
Oliver street, Ward 7, Atlantic avenue to Milk	23,200
Pearl street, Ward 7, Atlantic avenue to Milk	16,700
Portland street, Wards 6 and 8, Causeway to Hanover	28,900
Purchase street, Ward 7, High to Federal	34,500
South Market street, Ward 6, Merchants' row to Commercial	20,000
Summer street, Ward 7, Washington to Federal	14,700
Temple place, Ward 7, Tremont to Washington	6,800

Respectfully submitted,
BERTRAND T. WHEELER,
Superintendent of Streets.
Placed on file.

Bridge at Wordsworth Street Over Railroad Tracks.
MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Boston, Mass., 12 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the City Engineer in answer to your request for an estimate of the cost of constructing a bridge at Wordsworth street, over the railroad tracks, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,
THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.
50 City Hall, March 12, 1900.
TO THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

SIR: In compliance with the following order of the Board of Aldermen, "That the City Engineer be requested to report to this Board an estimate of the cost of constructing a bridge at Wordsworth street, over the tracks of the Boston, Revere Beach and

Lynn Railroad," I have to say that the estimated cost of a wooden bridge is \$3,800.

Respectfully,
WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.
Placed on file.

Legacy for Protestant Widows.
MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Boston, Mass., 12 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:
GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from the executor of the will of the late Caroline C. Thayer, giving notice of a legacy of about \$25,000 to the city for the benefit and use of Protestant widows and single women, without distinction of color.

Funds, the income of which is to be used for purposes of this kind, although nominally in favor of a particular class, are really for the benefit of all the poor of the city, for it is obvious that if persons of certain classes are aided by the Overseers of the Poor from funds derived from legacies, then the Overseers have more money left from their appropriation wherewith to relieve the wants of all other classes in the community requiring aid from the city. I recommend the acceptance of this legacy, and the investment thereof in the manner provided by the will. A suitable order is enclosed.

Respectfully,
THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized on behalf of the city to accept the legacy given to the city by the will of Caroline C. Thayer, late of Boston, for the benefit and use of Protestant widows and single women without distinction of color, and to invest the said legacy and pay the income thereof to the Overseers of the Poor of the City of Boston, to be expended by them for the benefit and use of Protestant widows and single women, without distinction of color, preference always to be given to those who have seen better days, said legacy to be called the Nathaniel Frederic Thayer Fund. And the City Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is hereby authorized to sell any real estate or securities which may form a part of said legacy and to invest the proceeds in bonds of the City of Boston.

Boston, Mass., March 10, 1900.
TO THE CITY OF BOSTON:

By the will of Caroline C. Thayer, who died in Boston about 1891, you are given the following legacy:

She having left the income of the residue of her estate to her two sisters for life, her will provided, at the death of the last of them, "I give it all, real and personal, to the City of Boston, to be invested and held and the income given to Protestant widows and single women, without distinction of color," and it is further provided by a codicil to her will that "I desire the property given by me to the City of Boston, to be invested in a fund to be formed for the benefit of Protestant widows

and single women without distinction of color, preference always to be given to those who have seen better days, this fund to be called the Nathaniel Frederic Thayer Fund, the interest of which I desire to be annually appropriated to the uses above designated."

The last sister died in September last, and the property, amounting to about \$25,000, is now available for the establishment of this trust.

NATHANIEL R. THAYER,
Executor of the will of Caroline C. Thayer.

Referred to the Committee on Overseeing of the Poor Department.

Water Used in Boston.
MAYOR'S OFFICE,
Boston, Mass., 8 March, 1900.
TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Water Commissioner in reference to your order asking for a report as to the quantity of water used in the City of Boston during the years 1898 and 1899 is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,
THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

WATER DEPARTMENT,
City Hall, March 7, 1900.
HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In reply to an order of the Board of Aldermen, dated February 26, desiring to know the quantity of water consumed by the City of Boston during the years 1898-99, I would say that it is impossible to furnish the information for those two years, except as based upon an estimate of previous years, as the Metropolitan Water Board does not keep a separate account of the water furnished to the City of Boston.

Prior to the taking by the Metropolitan Water Board of the city's supply of water, January 1, 1898, an account of the yearly consumption of water was kept by the city, and we can only furnish an estimate for the years 1898-99 based on those figures which we give you below.

The population of Boston on May 1, 1895, was 496,920; it is estimated that the population of Boston on May 1, 1900, will be 558,880, an increase in five years of 12.5 per cent., or at the rate of 2.5 per cent. per year. Assuming the population to increase at this rate the population of Boston was on

July 1, 1895	498,990
July 1, 1896	511,413
July 1, 1897	523,836
July 1, 1898	536,259
July 1, 1899	548,682

The consumption per head per day from 1895 to 1897, inclusive, was:

	Gallons.
In 1895	104.3
In 1896	116.8
In 1897	117.8

Assuming a consumption of 118 gallons per head per day for 1898, with the population as above, it will give a daily average consumption of 63,278,562 gallons, equal to a yearly consumption of 23,096,675,130 gallons.

Assuming a consumption of 118 gallons per head per day for 1899, with the population as above, it will give a daily average consumption of 64,744,476 gallons, equal to a total consumption of 23,631,733,740 gallons.

Yours respectfully,

A. P. MARTIN, Water Commissioner.
Placed on file.

Veto—Sign on Telephone Pole.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 12 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: I return herewith without my approval a vote passed by your Honorable Board on 5 March, 1900, giving permission to J. H. Deveney, M.D., to place a sign on telephone pole at south-east corner of Lonsdale street and Dorchester avenue, for the reason that the vote seems to conflict with Stat. 1895, Chap. 352.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

The vote whereby permission was granted was reconsidered.

The Board refused to grant permission (a two-thirds vote in favor being required to grant it) — yeas, 6; nays, 5.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, March 8, 1900, at 7.45 P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

The following messages from the Mayor were received:

Marcella-street Home—Purchase by Park Department.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 6 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Park Commissioners in reference to your order requesting them to purchase the Marcella-street Home property, for use as an open-air gymnasium and bath-house, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

March 5, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: We have received the order of the Common Council, requesting us to purchase the Marcella-street Home and the grounds attached thereto.

We think the land very well adapted for a playground, and should be pleased to be put in the way of acquiring the same for that purpose.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Columbus-avenue Playground.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 6 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Park Commissioners in reference to your order asking them to put the Columbus-avenue Playground in proper condition for public use is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

March 5, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: We have received the order of the City Council, requesting us to put in proper condition for public use the playground on Columbus avenue, Ward 18.

We have requested an appropriation from the City Council to enable us to do the work, which we are obliged to postpone until the appropriation is voted.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Sent up.

Discontinuance of Fire Patrol.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 5 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Fire Commissioner in reply to your order asking why the system of fire patrol has been abolished is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT,

Bristol Street, March 5, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: Referring to the request of the Common Council for report, why the system of fire patrol has been abolished, I respectfully say that only that part of the patrol which relates to duty on the street has been abolished until further orders, because, in my opinion, such duty was more likely to lessen than to increase our efficiency by drawing the men away from quarters at possibly critical times; also because by the records I was satisfied that the results obtained would not justify the labor expended in our trying to do a part of that duty which, at present, is efficiently performed by the Police Department.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

Referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

Widening Adams Street, Dorchester.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 8 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the City Auditor informing me of a deficiency of \$449 in the appropriation for widening Adams street, Dorchester, is transmitted herewith. This deficiency is caused by a payment made by order of the Superior Civil Court, and an appropriation to meet it should be made by the City Council.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

AUDITING DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, March 6, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: An execution of court amounting to \$2,600 has been paid on account of "Street widening, Adams street, Dorchester," and charged to the appropriation for Adams-street Park to Parkman, widening, thereby exceeding the appropriation and leaving \$449 to be provided for.

Very truly,

JAMES H. DODGE, City Auditor.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Asphalt on Boylston Street.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 8 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A petition asking that a pavement of asphalt or vitrified brick be laid on Tremont and Boylston streets, between Scollay square and Park square, is transmitted herewith for your consideration.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR AND THE HONORABLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

The undersigned, property-owners and tenants upon Tremont and Boylston streets, between Scollay square and Park square, desire to call your attention to the condition of those streets, and the uneven, rough and noisy pavement now laid thereon, and that the present condition of the principal thoroughfare is a reproach to the city. There are many reasons for favoring an asphalt pavement. This is now used the full length of Fifth avenue, New York, and extensively throughout the city. The undersigned are inclined to favor an asphalt pavement as being most free from objections and most desirable for both users and abutters, and ask that the matter be given full consideration, and that prompt action be taken to improve the pavement of the said streets.

(Signed by S. S. Pierce Company and many other firms and individuals.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

FIFTEEN YEARS OF BOSTON FINANCES.

Compiled by the City Auditor.

YEAR.	Total Amount Avail- able under \$9 Law, with Income.	Actual Expenses of City and County.	Gross Debt, Inside Limit.	Gross Debt, Outside Limit.	Total Gross Debt.	Amount paid for Interest, Sinking Fund, Metropoli- tan Assessments.
1885-86 . .	\$8,753,649 00	\$15,153,220 30	\$29,416,848 06	\$14,330,473 98	\$43,747,322 04	\$3,071,392 30
1886-87 . .	8,618,806 00	15,335,043 51	31,293,688 74	15,481,273 98	46,774,962 72	3,264,812 72
1887-88 . .	9,228,667 00	17,156,531 66	30,502,529 47	18,485,273 98	48,987,803 45	3,389,843 19
1888-89 . .	8,932,785 00	17,467,053 27	29,898,701 27	20,018,773 98	49,917,475 25	3,496,909 01
1889-90 . .	9,232,731 00	17,865,433 18	30,301,321 24	23,624,773 98	53,926,095 22	3,691,634 06
	\$44,766,638 00	\$82,977,281 92	\$151,413,088 78	\$91,940,569 90	\$243,353,658 68	\$16,914,591 28
Average .	8,953,327 60	16,595,456 38	30,282,617 75	18,388,113 98	48,670,731 73	3,382,918 25
1890-91 . .	\$9,498,872 00	\$18,812,236 15	\$30,102,206 08	\$25,292,273 98	\$55,394,480 06	\$4,118,508 37
1891-92, 9 mos	9,911,514 00	16,972,524 39	30,041,223 37	25,955,773 98	55,996,997 35	3,744,007 75
1892-93 . .	10,450,000 00	21,300,665 04	29,505,374 06	27,305,773 98	56,811,148 04	4,262,801 15
1893-94 . .	10,555,408 00	21,696,999 35	24,713,261 38	29,688,273 98	54,401,535 36	4,193,165 44
1894-95 . .	10,565,686 00	23,084,587 77	26,302,190 95	33,031,773 98	59,333,964 93	4,095,488 94
	\$50,981,480 00	\$101,867,012 70	\$140,664,255 84	\$141,273,869 90	\$281,938,125 74	\$20,413,971 65
Average .	10,196,296 00	20,373,402 54	28,132,851 16	28,254,773 98	56,387,625 14	4,082,794 33
1895-96 . .	\$10,914,814 00	\$24,534,807 79	\$28,583,500 66	\$37,082,273 98	\$65,665,774 64	\$4,417,799 05
1896-97 . .	11,312,502 00	25,837,490 29	29,464,326 59	42,437,273 98	71,901,600 57	4,577,061 44
1897-98 . .	11,993,997 00	29,025,920 83	32,116,836 78	47,475,073 98	79,591,910 76	5,035,515 56
1898-99 . .	12,477,984 00	27,880,517 49	31,257,246 74	51,338,723 98	82,595,970 72	6,076,318 92
1899-1900 .	12,683,642 68	29,325,723 70	30,172,855 00	56,793,723 98	86,966,578 98	6,246,495 29
	\$59,382,939 68	\$136,604,460 10	\$151,594,765 77	\$235,127,069 90	\$386,721,835 67	\$26,353,190 26
Average .	11,876,587 93	27,320,892 02	30,318,953 15	47,025,413 98	77,344,367 13	5,270,638 05

CITY OF BOSTON.

I. STATEMENT OF DEBT CREATED INSIDE THE DEBT LIMIT, WITH ANALYSIS BY PURPOSES FOR WHICH IT WAS CREATED.

FISCAL YEAR.	City Buildings.	County Buildings.	Police Department.	Fire Department.	Institutions.	Parks.	Streets.	Bridges.	Ferries.	Sewers.	Library.	Schools.	Miscellaneous.	Totals.
1885-86	—	\$850,000	—	—	\$80,000 00	\$83,000 00	\$159,000 00	—	—	\$465,000	\$25,000	—	\$125,000	\$1,787,000
1886-87	\$10,000	—	\$20,000 00	\$86,000 00	52,000 00	99,000 00	1,011,500 00	\$45,000 00	\$48,000	601,500	415,000	\$235,000 00	—	2,623,000
1887-88	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1888-89	19,000	—	201,233 90	10,723 72	97,156 01	16,500 00	351,689 30	51,000 00	27,000	160,000	11,900	168,397 07	131,400	1,249,000
1889-90	44,500	—	235,000 00	510,000 00	72,500 00	25,700 00	375,100 00	110,700 00	—	427,500	2,000	141,500 00	166,500	2,111,000
1890-91	—	—	—	—	70,000 00	14,000 00	96,600 00	15,400 00	48,000	151,000	—	452,000 00	283,000	1,130,000
1891-92 (9 mos.).	—	—	—	—	—	—	50,000 00	—	—	84,000	—	500,000 00	—	634,000
1892-93	—	—	10,000 00	5,000 00	206,000 00	—	1,200,965 00	229,000 00	—	403,860	—	134,575 00	52,600	2,242,000
1893-94	—	—	15,000 00	105,000 00	767,000 00	75,000 00	1,270,975 00	28,000 00	36,000	180,000	—	360,850 00	—	2,837,825
1894-95	—	—	—	65,000 00	610,000 00	750,000 00	908,500 00	56,300 00	17,000	50,000	55,000	688,000 00	10,000	3,209,800
1895-96	—	—	2,700 00	35,000 00	471,500 00	403,000 00	1,226,500 00	68,100 00	8,000	113,050	74,000	273,500 00	—	2,678,350
1896-97	123,500	—	55,800 00	—	235,100 00	142,800 00	961,600 00	136,500 00	—	179,500	—	800,000 00	285,000	2,919,800
1897-98	94,500	—	—	82,000 00	175,000 00	263,000 00	1,000,200 00	62,000 00	8,000	2,000	5,000	764,000 00	68,100	3,089,800
1898-99	138,000	—	—	7,500 00	107,000 00	7,500 00	544,980 00	28,500 00	—	25,500	—	686,000 00	79,000	1,623,980
1899-1900 . . .	116,500	—	—	11,200 86	231,831 60	319,260 98	794,589 90	140,216 66	—	—	—	800,000 00	100,200	2,543,800
Totals	\$546,000	\$850,000	\$542,733 90	\$917,424 58	\$3,178,087 61	\$2,228,760 98	\$9,952,199 20	\$1,536,716 66	\$192,000	\$2,842,910	\$587,900	\$6,003,822 07	\$1,300,800	\$30,679,355

II. STATEMENT OF DEBT CREATED OUTSIDE OF DEBT LIMIT, BY AUTHORITY OF SPECIAL STATUTES, WITH ANALYSIS BY PURPOSES FOR WHICH IT WAS CREATED.

FISCAL YEAR.	STREETS.			SEWERS.			Bridges.	Ferries.	Rapid Transit.	Parks.	Library.	County Court House.	Miscellaneous Purposes.	Totals.
	Laying Out and Construction of Highways.	Blue Hill and Other Avenues.	South Union Station.	Sewerage Works.	Stony Brook Improvement.	Improved Sewerage.								
1885-86	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1886-87	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$500,000	—	—	—	\$500,000
1887-88	—	—	—	—	\$500,000	—	250,000	—	—	855,000	—	\$800,000	—	2,405,000
1888-89	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	533,500	—	800,000	—	1,333,500
1889-90	—	—	—	—	—	\$500,000	—	—	—	1,051,000	\$500,000	800,000	—	2,851,000
1890-91	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	760,500	500,000	—	—	1,260,500
1891-92 (9 months) .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	700,000	—	—	—	700,000
1892-93	—	—	—	—	—	100,000	—	—	—	501,000	175,000	381,000	—	1,157,000
1893-94	\$500,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,299,000	525,000	100,000	—	2,424,000
1894-95	500,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	\$50,000	2,000,000	149,500	40,000	—	2,739,500
1895-96	650,000	\$1,000,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,250,000	—	150,500	—	\$500,000*	3,550,500
1896-97	1,200,000	1,500,000	\$25,000	—	100,000	—	—	\$30,000	2,000,000	500,000	—	—	—	5,355,000
1897-98	900,000	—	1,575,000	\$500,000	400,000	—	200,000	112,800	1,200,000	500,000	—	—	—	5,387,800
1898-99	811,650	750,000	100,000	1,500,000	—	—	50,000	26,000	200,000	500,000	100,000	—	616,000†	4,653,650
1899-1900	1,602,800	—	300,000	1,100,000	350,000	—	700,000	331,200	—	986,000	—	—	400,000‡	5,770,000
Totals	\$6,164,450	\$3,250,000	\$2,000,000	\$3,100,000	\$1,350,000	\$600,000	\$1,200,000	\$500,000	\$4,700,000	\$10,686,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,921,000	\$1,516,000	\$40,087,450

III. SUMMARY STATEMENT OF DEBT CREATED 1885-86 TO 1899-1900.

FISCAL YEAR.	Inside the Debt Limit.	Outside the Debt Limit, authorized by Special Statutes.	Water Leases, Outside the Debt Limit by Public Statutes.	Total Debt Created.	FISCAL YEAR.	Inside the Debt Limit.	Outside the Debt Limit, authorized by Special Statutes.	Water Leases, Outside the Debt Limit by Public Statutes.	Total Debt Created.	FISCAL YEAR.	Inside the Debt Limit.	Outside the Debt Limit, authorized by Special Statutes.	Water Leases, Outside the Debt Limit by Public Statutes.	Total Debt Created.
1885-86	\$1,787,000	—	\$620,000	\$2,407,000	1890-91	\$4,130,000	\$1,260,500	\$571,500	\$2,962,000	1895-96	\$2,678,350	\$3,550,500	\$565,000	\$6,793,850
1886-87	2,623,000	\$500,000	710,800	3,833,800	1891-92 9 mos.	634,000	700,000	216,000	1,550,000	1896-97	2,919,800	5,355,000	—	8,274,800
1887-88	—	2,405,000	652,000	3,057,000	1892-93	2,242,000	1,157,000	335,000	3,734,000	1897-98	3,089,800	5,387,800	150,000	8,627,600
1888-89	1,249,000	1,333,500	200,000	2,782,500	1893-94	2,837,825	2,424,000	296,500	5,558,325	1898-99	1,623,980	4,653,650	200,000	6,477,630
1889-90	2,111,000	2,851,000	755,000	5,717,000	1894-95	3,209,800	2,739,500	706,000	6,655,300	1899-1900	2,543,800	5,770,000	435,000	8,748,800
Totals											\$30,679,355	\$40,087,450	\$6,412,800	\$77,179,605

* School-houses.

† Market and other public purposes.

‡ Repayment of sewer assessments.

SOME FINANCIAL STATISTICS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Compiled by the Statistics Department.

	AMOUNTS.				INCREASE.					
	FISCAL YEAR ENDING IN				FIVE-YEAR PERIODS.			TEN-YEAR PERIODS.		FIFTEEN YEARS.
	1885.	1890.	1895.	1900.	1885-1890.	1890-1895.	1895-1900.	1885-1895.	1890-1900.	1885-1900.
Population † . . .	390,393	448,477	496,020	560,504	—	—	—	—	—	—
Absolute Increase,	—	—	—	—	58,084	48,443	63,584	106,527	112,027	170,111
Increase per cent. .	—	—	—	—	14.88	10.80	12.80	27.29	24.98	43.57
Actual Expenditures,	\$15,859,842	\$17,865,433	\$23,084,587	\$29,325,723	—	—	—	—	—	—
Absolute Increase,	—	—	—	—	\$2,005,591	\$5,219,154	\$6,241,136	\$7,224,745	\$11,460,290	\$13,465,881
Increase per cent. .	—	—	—	—	12.65	29.21	27.04	45.55	64.15	84.91
Expenditure per head,	\$40 62	\$39 84	\$46 45	\$52 32	—	—	—	—	—	—
Absolute Increase,	—	—	—	—	*\$0 78	\$6 61	\$5 87	\$5 83	\$12 48	\$11 70
Increase per cent. .	—	—	—	—	*1.92	16.59	12.64	14.35	31.33	28.80
Interest and Sinking-fund Payments .	\$3,308,277	\$3,691,634	\$4,095,488	\$6,246,495	—	—	—	—	—	—
Absolute Increase,	—	—	—	—	\$383,357	\$403,854	\$2,151,007	\$787,211	\$2,554,861	\$2,938,218
Increase per cent. .	—	—	—	—	11.59	10.94	52.52	23.80	69.21	88.82
Interest and Sinking-fund Payments per head . . .	\$8 47	\$8 23	\$8 24	\$11 14	—	—	—	—	—	—
Absolute Increase .	—	—	—	—	*\$0 24	\$0 01	\$2 90	*\$0 23	\$2 91	\$2 67
Increase per cent. .	—	—	—	—	*2.83	0.12	35.19	*2.72	35.36	31.52

† Population figures for 1885 and 1895 are from the State Census, and are for May 1 of those years. Figures for 1890 are from the National Census for June 1. Figures for 1900 are estimated for May 1, 1900, on the basis of the increase from 1885 to 1895.

* Decrease.

RE-ARRANGEMENT OF VETERINARY SERVICE OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT.

Superintendent of Streets Wheeler has sent the following circular to the Deputy Superintendents of the various divisions of the Street Department:

I have arranged the veterinary business of the Department by assigning to the different districts, so far as possible, a local veterinary surgeon; and I have appointed Dr. L. H. Howard, of 67 West Newton street, examining and condemning surgeon for the Department, and no horse shall be bought, sold, killed or exchanged on the judgment of any other veterinary. The several districts of the Department have been assigned as follows, only the veterinaries named shall be called upon for professional services, except in cases where consultation may seem desirable, when Dr. Howard shall be called:

District 1, South Boston — G. B. Foss, 225 Northampton street.

District 2, East Boston — Andrew G. Hill, Putnam and Lexington streets.

District 3, Charlestown — T. S. Very, 22 Pitts street.

District 4, Brighton — W. H. Murphy, jr., 23 Parsons street.

District 5, West Roxbury — Arthur W. May, 9 Brewer street.

District 6, Dorchester and Moon Island — D. G. White, Houghton street.

District 7, Roxbury — W. W. Noyes, 128 Dudley street.

District 8, South End — R. E. Dyer, 263 West Broadway.

District 9, Back Bay — George H. Lee, 150 Tremont street.

District 10, North and West Ends — H. P. Rogers, 24 Chardon street.

The Codman-street stable will be excepted from the Dorchester district, and, together with the veterinary hospital at the south yard, will be attended by Dr. Howard.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that in view of the needs of the service, all persons who have been examined within the past six months and have failed to attain eligible averages in the

following-named examinations will be permitted re-examination this spring upon filing new applications. These examinations will be held at various places throughout the country, beginning April 17, 1900:

Acting assistant surgeon, marine hospital service; aid, coast and geodetic survey; assistant, Department of Agriculture; assistant examiner, patent office; assistant topographer, farmer, fish culturist, hospital steward, industrial teacher, meat inspector, kindergarten teacher, manual training teacher, matron, mechanical and electrical engineer, physician, register and receiver's clerk, seamstress, superintendent of construction, surveyor-general's clerk, general land office service; teacher, topographic draftsman, trained nurse.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held on Monday, March 19, 1900.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending March 10, 1900, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	26.3
Death rate for corresponding week, 1899,	22.5
Number of deaths:	
Males	149
Females	131
Total	280
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1899	235
Increase	45

Of the 280 decedents, 272 were white and 8 colored; 173 were born in the United States, 102 in foreign countries and the birthplace of 5 was unknown; 72 were of American parentage, 167 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 41 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	86	9
Scarlatina	50	6
Typhoid fever	11	1
Measles	81	—
Totals	228	16

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	25
Pneumonia	64
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	28
Bronchitis	14
Marasmus	2
Violent causes	8
Total from principal causes	143
Total from infectious diseases	16
Total from other causes	121
Total from all causes	280

Deaths of children under 1 year	44
Deaths of children under 5 years	72
Deaths of persons over 60 years	88
Deaths in public institutions	64

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

March 3, 1900.

General Order No. 672.

In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Patrick H. Hardy, of Division 16, for violation of Rules XXI. and XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Conduct unbecoming an officer, in that he left his route without permission and entered a place where intoxicating liquors were sold on the thirteenth of February, current, the Board finds the said Patrolman Hardy guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of ten days' pay.

March 10, 1900.

General Order No. 673.

Patrolman Alonzo W. Sherburne, of Division 13, having tendered his resignation, it is hereby accepted, to take effect at 5.45 o'clock this afternoon.

DEATH OF MR. GRANVILLE B. PUTNAM.

The death of Mr. Granville B. Putnam, Master of the Franklin School of Boston, occurred suddenly at his home in West Newton on Wednesday last, March 7, 1900.

Mr. Putnam was born at Danvers, Mass., in 1835. He became connected with the school service of the City of Boston in September, 1864, when he was appointed sub-master of the Bigelow School. In January, 1865, he was elected Master of the Franklin School.

Mr. Putnam had held a number of positions of trust and responsibility, and was a frequent contributor to various publications.

Award of Contract.**Boston and Cambridge Bridges Department.**

Proposals for sheathing the roadway of Harvard bridge were opened at the office of the City Engineer on March 9, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
Ross & Fowler	\$3,187
William L. Miller	3,367
William J. Lawler	3,870
George Hayes & Co.	4,230

The contract was awarded to Ross & Fowler.

B. T. WHEELER,

WILLIAM J. MARVIN,

Commissioners for Boston and Cambridge Bridges.

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39.	H. B. 198, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's and Chandler's ponds in the City of Boston and City of Newton, p. 51. (See also No. 75.)	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 17.	Jan. 26. Closed.	Mch. 7. H.(L.W.)							
40.	H. B. 204, an Act to provide for the transfer of the Harris collection of the Charlestown Public Library to the Central Library of the City of Boston, p. 51. (See also No. 24.)	Judiciary (House). Jan. 18.	Jan. 30.								
41.	H. R. 208, a Resolve in favor of submitting to a popular vote the question of State ownership of the Boston and Albany Railroad, p. 51.	Railroads. Jan. 19.	Feb. 9. Closed.								
42.	H. B. 217, an Act to incorporate the Johnson Buildings, p. 53.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 18.	Jan. 31. Closed.	Feb. 5. H.(H.B. 943)	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	Feb. 13. S.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 20.	II. Feb. 23. S. Feb. 28.	App. Mch. 2.
43.	H. B. 224, an Act relative to subways and tunnels in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 18.	Jan. 30. Feb. 27. Closed.	Mch. 2. H.(L.W.)							
44.	H. B. 260, an Act relative to granting liquor licenses in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Liquor Law. Jan. 22.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 26. H.(N.P.)							
45.	H. B. 293, an Act relative to the Boston Fire Department, p. 51.	Cities. Jan. 23.	Feb. 12. Closed.								
46.	H. B. 295, an Act relative to the registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Election Laws. Jan. 23.	Feb. 8. Closed.	Feb. 28. H.(L.W.)							
47.	H. B. 296, an Act to define residence as a requisite for voting in the City of Boston, p. 52.										
48.	H. B. 298, an Act to provide for a high-school building in the Charlestown District of the City of Boston, p. 52.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	Feb. 23. Closed.								
49.	H. R. 308, a Resolve to confirm the acts of Charles W. Whittier as a Justice of the Peace, p. 52.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 23.	Jan. 30. Closed.	Jan. 30. H(H.R.308)	Jan. 31.	Feb. 2.	Feb. 6. S.	Feb. 7.	Feb. 8.	II. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.

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50. H. B. 321, an Act in addition to an act to incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company in the City of Boston, p. 52.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 23.	Feb. 2. Closed.	Feb. 5. H (H.B.347)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7.	Feb. 9. S.	Feb. 12.	Feb. 13.	H. Feb. 15. S. Feb. 19.	App. Feb. 20.
51. H. B. 325, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Catherine C. Dodge, p. 52.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 26. Closed.								
52. H. B. 326, an Act relative to the Metropolitan Water Board, p. 52.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 24.	Jan. 31. Feb. 6. Closed.								
53. H. B. 337, an Act relative to the pensioning of war veterans who are members of the Fire Department of the City of Boston, p. 52.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 5. Closed.	Feb. 8. H. (L. W.)							
54. H. B. 343, an Act to provide for the construction of a hospital in East Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 24.	Feb. 6. Closed.	Feb. 16. H (H.B.999)	Feb. 19.	Feb. 23.	Feb. 27. S.	Mch. 1. Rej.			
55. H. B. 355, an Act to incorporate the Marine Park Tower Company, p. 53.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 24.	Feb. 9. 13. Closed.								
56. H. B. 370, an Act to authorize the Lexington and Boston Street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property, p. 53.	Street Railways. Jan. 30.	Mch. 6. Jan. 30.								
57. H. B. 371, an Act to authorize the Fitchburg Railroad Company to take lands in Boston for freight purposes, p. 53.	Railroads. Jan. 25.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
58. H. B. 375, an Act relative to the improvement of Stony brook in the City of Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 25.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
59. H. B. 386, an Act to regulate the price of gas in that portion of the City of Boston known as East Boston, p. 53.	Manufactures. Jan. 25.	Feb. 16, 26, 28. Mch. 2, 7, 12, 14.								
60. H. B. 397, an Act to authorize and direct the Metropolitan Park Commission to acquire Fuller's wharf, in Brighton, as a part of the Charles-river reservation, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 25.	Feb. 6. Closed.	Feb. 14. H (H.B.397)							
61. H. B. 411, an Act relative to the fares charged by any street railway operating in the City of Boston, p. 68.	Street Railways. Jan. 26.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 9. H. (L. W.)							
62. H. R. 417, Resolutions relative to an appropriation by the Congress of the United States for the improvement of Boston Harbor, p. 68.	Federal Relations. Jan. 29.	Feb. 2. Closed.	Feb. 2. H (H.R.417)		Feb. 6. Ad.	Feb. 8. S.		Feb. 9. Ad.		
63. H. B. 420, an act to regulate the price of gas in the City of Boston, p. 68.	Manufactures. Jan. 29.	Feb. 16, 26, 28. Mch. 2, 7, 14.								
64. H. B. 434, an Act to further define the duties of Boards of Registrars of Voters in all the cities of the Commonwealth, p. 68.	Election Laws. Jan. 29.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 7. H. (L. W.)							
65. H. B. 435, an Act to extend the time for building the Boston, Quincy and Fall River Bicycle Railway, p. 68.	Street Railways. Jan. 29.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Feb. 26. H (H.B.435)	Mch. 1.	Mch. 2.	Mch. 6. S.	Mch. 7.	Mch. 9.	H. Mch. 13. S.	
66. H. B. 441, an Act to require the Metropolitan Park Commission to rebuild the bridge over the Neponset river, between Blue Hills parkway in the Town of Milton and Mattapan square in the City of Boston, p. 69.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 29.	Feb. 6. Closed.								
67. H. B. 448, an Act in favor of Anna W. Wason, p. 69.	Cities. Jan. 31.									
68. H. B. 449, an Act to provide rooms in the City of Boston in which to hold the Probate Court of Norfolk County in certain cases, p. 69.	Counties. Jan. 29.	Feb. 20. Closed.								
69. H. B. 478, an Act to exempt the estate No. 13 Compton street in the City of Boston from the operation of the building laws, p. 69.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 9. Closed.								
70. H. B. 495, an Act to regulate the distribution of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 69.	Liquor Law. Jan. 30.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 26. H. (L. W.)							
71. H. B. 499, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside of its debt limit to erect a municipal building in South Boston, p. 70.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13. Closed.								
72. H. B. 515, an Act to extend the time for filing petitions for the assessment of damages accruing from the location and construction of railroads under the provisions of the Act to provide for a South Union station, p. 70.	Railroads. Jan. 30.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
73. H. B. 516, an act relative to the Boston and Suburban Express Company, p. 70.	Street Railways. Jan. 30.	Mch. 9.								

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74. H. B. 528, an Act to revise the charter of the City of Boston, p. 70.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.									
75. H. B. 537, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's and Chandler's ponds by the Metropolitan Park Commission, p. 71. (See also No. 39.)	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 13. Closed.	Men. 13. H.(N.G.C.)							
76. H. B. 540, an Act relative to the disposition of fees for the solemnization of marriages received by the City Registrar or Assistant City Registrar of the City of Boston, p. 71.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 31.	Feb. 26. Closed.								
77. H. R. 545, a Resolve relative to the building known as the Westminster Chambers in the City of Boston, p. 71. (See also No. 80.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 6. Closed.								
78. H. B. 551, an Act to promote the location and construction of freight tracks on the Commonwealth flats in South Boston, p. 71.	Harbors and Public Lands. Jan. 31.	Feb. 20, 26. Mch. 2, 9. Closed.								
79. H. B. 561, an Act to rebuild the Broadway bridge in the City of Boston, p. 71.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 13. Closed.								
80. H. B. 567, an Act relative to the building at the corner of St. James avenue and Trinity place in the City of Boston, p. 71. (See also No. 77.)	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 6. Closed.								
81. H. B. 568, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of William J. Ryan, p. 71.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 26. Closed.								
82. H. B. 576, an Act to authorize the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company to establish a guaranty capital, p. 71.	Insurance. Jan. 31.	Feb. 21. Closed.								
83. H. B. 579, an Act relative to the hiring of laborers by the City of Boston, p. 72.	Labor. Jan. 31.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
84. H. B. 587, an Act to provide for the construction of the esplanade on Charles river, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 14. Closed.	Feb. 19. H.(L.W.)							
85. H. B. 598, an Act relative to the appointment of pilots and Pilot Commissioners for Boston harbor, p. 72.	Judiciary (House) Jan. 31.	Mch. 8. Closed.								
86. H. B. 600, an Act relative to the appointment of court officers in the municipal courts in the County of Suffolk, p. 90.	Judiciary (House) Jan. 31.	Mch. 1. Closed.								
87. H. B. 606, an Act to provide for additional subways in the City of Boston, p. 72.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 27. Mch. 12, 22.								
88. H. R. 608, a Resolve to confirm the acts of James E. Leach as a Justice of Peace, p. 73.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 31.	Feb. 19. Closed.	Feb. 19. H(H.R. 608)	Feb. 20.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 26. S.	Feb. 27.	Feb. 28.	H. Mch. 2. S. Mch. 6.	App. Mch. 7.
89. H. B. 621, an Act relative to expenses of medical examiners and other county officers, p. 73.	Counties. Feb. 1.	Mch. 2. Closed.								
90. H. B. 622, an Act relative to caucuses in the City of Boston, p. 73.	Election Laws. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
91. H. B. 631, an Act relative to the pensioning of war veterans who are members of the police force of the City of Boston, p. 74.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 8. H.(N.P.)							
92. H. B. 638, an Act relative to parkways in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
93. H. B. 639, an Act to direct the Boston Transit Commission to widen Pleasant street in the City of Boston, p. 90.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15, 27. Mch. 12, 22.								
94. H. B. 640, an Act to provide for establishing a playground to meet the wants of Wards 15 and 16 of the City of Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
95. H. B. 654, an Act relative to the advertising of legal notices in the County of Suffolk and City of Boston, p. 74.	Judiciary (House) Feb. 1.	Mch. 1. Closed.								
96. H. B. 660, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside the debt limit for the purpose of completing its public parks, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
97. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the crossings of railroads and public ways in East Boston, p. 74.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Mch. 9, 19.								
98. H. B. 676, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to establish and maintain an industrial school, p. 90.	Cities. Feb. 1. To Education. Feb. 7.	Feb. 23, 28. Closed.	Mch. 8. H(H.B. 676)	Mch. 9.	Mch. 12.					
99. H. B. 678, an Act relative to the School Committee of the City of Boston, p. 83.	Education. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21, 27. Closed.								

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100. H. B. 679, an Act to establish a School-house Department in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Education. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21, 27. Closed.								
101. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the number of liquor licenses which may be issued by cities and towns, p. 99.	Liquor Law. Feb. 1.	Mch. 2. Closed.								
102. H. B. 688, an Act to provide for the creation and disbursement of a public school janitor's retirement fund in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
103. H. B. 689, an Act to incorporate the South Bay Wharf and Warehouse Company, p. 84.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 7. Closed.								
104. H. B. 690, an Act to provide for the construction of additional subways in the City of Boston, p. 84.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 27. Closed.	Mch. 12. H. (L.W.)							
105. H. B. 691, an Act to regulate the erection and maintenance of school buildings in the City of Boston, p. 140.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 23, 26. Closed.								
106. H. B. 693, an Act relative to the parks, parkways and boulevards of the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 6. H. (L.W.)							
107. H. B. 694, an Act relative to streets and lands in the neighborhood of parks, parkways and boulevards in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 6. H. (L.W.)							
108. H. B. 713, an Act to abolish fees for dog licenses in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Probate and Insolvency. Feb. 1.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H. (H.B. 713)	Feb. 21.	Feb. 23.	Mch. 1. S.				
109. H. B. 723, an Act relative to Back street in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 1. To Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 8.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 5. H. (H.B. 723)	Mch. 6.	Mch. 8.	Mch. 12. S.	Mch. 13.			
110. H. B. 726, an Act for the purchase by the Commonwealth of the road, franchise, property, rights and privileges of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, p. 85.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 27. Mch. 20.								
111. H. B. 729, an Act to enlarge the Board of Railroad Commissioners and to purchase the Boston and Albany Railroad, p. 85.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Mch. 20.								
112. H. B. 740, an Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 353 of the Acts of 1892, relative to pensioning members of the Police Department of the City of Boston, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	Mch. 8. H. (N. P.)							
113. H. B. 746, an Act to provide fenders on certain conveyances operating in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. Mch. 6, 13. Closed.								
114. H. B. 748, an Act relative to the election of aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
115. H. B. 752, an Act relative to the appointment of constables in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 6. H. (L.W.)							
116. H. B. 756, an Act relative to the appointment of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Mch. 5. H. (N. P.)							
117. H. B. 758, an Act to provide for the care and support of the Insane by the Commonwealth, p. 86.	Public Charitable Institutions. Feb. 2.									
118. H. B. 772, an Act relative to the construction of tenement-houses in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Mch. 1, 9, 13. Closed.								
119. H. B. 775, an Act relative to registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 87.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
120. H. B. 776, an Act relative to names upon the voting lists of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
121. H. B. 784, an Act to incorporate the First Motor Vehicle Company, p. 88.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13, 14. Closed.								
122. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston to lay out and construct a bicycle path across the Common, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L.W.)							
123. H. B. 788, an Act relative to the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Mch. 7.	Mch. 7. H. (N. G. C.)							
124. H. B. 789, an Act relative to the system of playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
125. H. B. 796, an Act relative to pensioning medical examiners of the County of Suffolk, p. 88.	Public Health. Feb. 2. To Public Service. Feb. 7.	Mch. 9. Closed.	Mch. 9. S. (L.W.)							

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126. H. B. 802, an Act to limit all steam railroads to a five-cent fare within the limits of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	Mch. 2. Closed.								
127. H. B. 804, an Act to authorize persons qualified to vote for Governor to vote at the next State election on the question of the purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth, p. 100.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	Mch. 6. Closed.								
128. H. B. 825, an Act relating to the Probate and Insolvency Court for the County of Suffolk, p. 100.	Public Service. Feb. 2.	Mch. 8. Closed.								
129. H. B. 830, an Act relative to the appointment of Inspectors of milk for the City of Boston, p. 100.	Agriculture. Feb. 5.	Mch. 7. Closed.								
130. H. B. 832, an Act relative to the opening of streets in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2, 12. Closed.								
131. H. B. 844, an Act relative to membership of Metropolitan commissions, p. 100.	Public Service. Feb. 5.	Feb. 20. Mch. 8. Closed.								
132. H. B. 845, an Act to provide for minority representation on the Metropolitan commissions, p. 101.	Public Service. Feb. 15.	Feb. 20. Mch. 8. Closed.								
133. H. B. 848, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.								
134. H. B. 851, an Act relative to extension of system of the Boston Elevated Railway Company in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Street Railways. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 5. H. (N. P.)							
135. H. B. 866, an Act relative to the limitation of height of second class buildings in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 9, 13. Closed.								
136. H. B. 867, an Act relative to the construction of cellars in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 9, 13. Closed.								
137. H. B. 876, an Act to regulate the election of caucus officers in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Election Laws. Feb. 5.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 15. H. (L.W.)							
138. H. B. 879, an Act relative to pilots on tug-boats engaged in towing vessels bound to or from certain ports within the limits of Boston harbor, p. 101.	Harbors and Public Lands. Feb. 5.	Feb. 28. Mch. 8, 13, 20.								
139. H. B. 882, an Act to provide for the appointment of a Board of Excise for the City of Boston, p. 101.	Liquor Law. Feb. 5.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
140. H. B. 883, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to take additional land for the purpose of caring for the insane, p. 102.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.								
141. H. B. 893, an Act to regulate the price of gas in that part of the City of Boston known as Charlestown, p. 102.	Manufactures. Feb. 5.	Feb. 16, 26, 28. Mch. 2, 7, 12, 14.								
142. H. B. 914, an Act to exempt the City of Boston from the provisions of the civil service laws, p. 102.	Public Service. Feb. 5.	Mch. 13, 20.								
143. H. B. 919, an Act to regulate railroad fares in the suburban district of Boston, p. 102.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.								
144. H. B. 920, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban district of Boston, p. 102.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.								
145. H. B. 924, an Act to provide for a Greater Boston by permitting towns and cities adjoining to be annexed by concurrent vote, p. 120.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 5.	Mch. 7. Closed.								
146. H. B. 927, an Act relative to the rate of taxation and indebtedness of the City of Boston, p. 121.	Taxation and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2, 15.								
147. H. B. 939, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to license business brokers, p. 121.	Judiciary (House). Feb. 5.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
148. H. B. 942, an Act to provide for a Board of Elections for the City of Boston, p. 103.	Election Laws. Feb. 5.	Feb. 28.	Feb. 28. H. (L.W.)							
149. H. B. 974, an Act relative to pensioning of members of the police force of the City of Boston, p. 121.	Cities. Feb. 9.	Mch. 8. Closed.								

H., signifies House; S., Senate; B., Bill; R., Resolve; (N. P.), Ought not to Pass; (L. W.), Leave to Withdraw; N. G. C., Next General Court; Rej., Rejected; Am., Amended; App., Approved; Ad., Adopted.

NOTE.—Under the rules, final reports of committees of the Legislature are required to be made on or before March 21.

Department Communications.

Bath Department.

The following table shows the number of baths taken daily at the Commonwealth Park Gymnasium, South Boston, during the month of January, 1900:

JANUARY.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
1	240	-	-	-	240
2	210	-	175	-	385
3	-	75	-	140	215
4	285	-	-	-	285
5	-	75	-	150	225
6	200	-	325	-	525
7	35	-	-	-	35
8	275	-	-	-	275
9	35	-	350	-	385
10	-	75	-	150	225
11	280	-	-	-	280
12	-	80	-	100	180
13	200	-	400	-	600
14	40	-	-	-	40
15	345	-	-	-	345
16	50	-	425	-	475
17	-	100	-	175	275
18	335	-	-	-	335
19	-	105	-	175	280
20	250	-	450	-	700
21	30	-	-	-	30
22	325	-	-	-	325
23	60	-	420	-	480
24	-	100	-	200	300
25	410	-	-	-	410
26	-	100	-	-	100
27	275	-	455	-	730
28	40	-	-	-	40
29	400	-	-	-	400
30	75	-	437	-	512
31	-	110	-	125	235
Totals	4,395	820	3,437	1,215	9,867

NOTE.—At this house, Wednesdays and Fridays are reserved for women and girls.

CHARLES F. MORSE, Secretary.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, March 12, 1900.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending March 10, 1900:

Number of chattel mortgages	136
Number of discharges of mortgages	25
Number of assignments of mortgages	8
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	3
Number of attachments	1
Number of bills of sale	6
Number of assignments of wages	24
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	2
Number of married women's certificates	6

Accident notices were filed as follows:

March 6—Frank W. Giles, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in sidewalk on Windsor street.

March 9—Ellen Joyce, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in sidewalk on Sewall street, Roxbury. Anna J. Derrington, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in Washington street.

March 10—James J. Harrington, personal injuries, caused by roof being blown off a shanty belonging to the city on Huntington avenue. Ellen M. Kelleher, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in Columbus avenue. Roland C. Richardson, injury to horse, caused by alleged defect in Utica street.

E. J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

Building Department.

Old Court House, January 29, 1900.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending January 27, 1900:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.					
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.						
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22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7
23	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
24	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	6	9
25	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	9
T'ls.	13	30	12	1	3	1	17	16	74	216

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, March 13, 1900.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending March 10, as follows:

John J. Sullivan, of Ladder Company 2, has been granted a veteran's certificate for seven successive years' service in this Department.

F. T. Boutlier, of the fire-alarm branch, has been granted a day off for meritorious conduct in stopping a runaway horse on South street, Roslindale, February 28.

One brown horse has been purchased of A. W. Davis for \$125.

Frank Meleedy, of Engine Company 33, has been granted a day off for meritorious conduct in stopping a pair of runaway horses on Massachusetts avenue, February 27.

Robert J. Restarick, call-man on Ladder Company 9, has been promoted to permanent member of Engine Company 25.

William F. Donovan and Francis E. Merrill have been appointed substitutes on probation.

The following transfers have been made:

George C. Dowling, Chemical Company 4 to Engine Company 3; John E. Donohue, Engine Company 3 to Chemical Company 4; Joseph W. Hobbs, Engine 25 to Ladder Company 4; David L. Brooks, Engine 22 to Engine Company 25; John P. Walsh, Engine 25 to Engine Company 22; George P. Smith, Engine Company 18 to Engine Company 10; William B. Jennings, Engine Company 10 to Engine Company 18; John F. Murphy, Engine Company 4 to Engine Company 20; Fred H. Gould, Engine Company 20 to Engine Company 4; David L. Brooks, Engine Company 25 to Engine Company 22; Alfred D. LeClair, Engine 22 to Engine Company 25; Fred T. Dyer, Engine Company 26-35 to Engine Company 37; Thomas J. Kennealy, Engine 37 to Engine 26-35; James F. McKirm, Engine Company 4 to Engine Company 33, and D. F. Quinlan, Engine 33 to Engine 4.

B. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, February 24, 1900.

The petition of Peter F. O'Brien was filed for the occupancy of a stable on 19 and 21 Scotia street, Ward 10, for twenty horses; hearing called for March 8, at 11 o'clock.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the month ending February 28, 1900:

Steers	926
New England cows	397
New England bulls	107
Western cows	75
Sheep	532
Calves	1,348
Total	3,385

During the month 1,160 pounds of diseased beef have been condemned.

The following is a summary of the work done by the Bureau of Milk Inspection during January, 1900:

Number of samples of milk examined:	
From wagons	742
From stores	544
Brought in by citizens	21
	1,307
Number of samples of vinegar examined,	123
Number of samples of butter examined,	92
Total samples	1,522
Number of cases pending January 1, 1900,	4
Number of cases entered during January:	
For milk below standard	25
For milk containing foreign matter, 1	
Sale of adulterated cider-vinegar	2
Sale of adulterated vinegar	2
Sale of molasses-vinegar as cider-vinegar	1
	31
Total cases	35

Number of convictions during January,	16
Cases pending on February 1	19
Total	35
Number of appeals	7

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending February 24:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	49	68	117
Negative	125	95	220
No growth	2	2	4
Totals	176	165	341

Typhoid diagnoses: Three cases, negative; one case, atypical.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, March 12, 1900.

Statistics for the week ending March 10, 1900:

Cases pending	—	
Number of applications	71	71
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse, Tewksbury	29	
Long Island Almshouse	14	
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	1	
Boston Insane Hospital	7	
Westboro' Insane Hospital	1	
Taunton Insane Hospital	4	
Foxboro' Asylum	4	
Epileptic Hospital	1	
Bridgewater Insane Asylum	2	
	—	63
Number of applications refused	4	
Number of applications withdrawn	4	
Cases pending	—	71
Settlements investigated		95
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children		19

W. T. SEDGWICK, Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, March 5, 1900.

Statistics for the week ending March 3, 1900:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	96	11
Females	8	6
Totals	104	17
Offences:		
Against the person	7	1
Against property	23	8
Against public order and decency	78	8
Totals	* 108	17
Discharges:		
Males	125	10
Females	17	10
Totals	142	20

How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence, Permit of Commissioner	121	20
Payment of fine	4	—
Transferred to Massachusetts Reformatory,	15	—
2	—	—
Totals	142	20
Population:		
February 24, 1900	1,052	514
Committed since February 24, 1900	104	17
Totals	1,156	531
Discharged since February 24, 1900	142	20
March 3, 1900	1,014	511

* Four committed charged with two offences each.

E. C. MARSHALL, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, February 26, 1900.

Following is a summary of the work of this Department for the week ending February 24, 1900:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	366
Defects reported	59
Defects corrected	61
Notices of new work received	35
Feet of dead wire removed	4,200
Fixtures removed	4
Poles set	9
Poles removed	5
Poles reset	20

A response was made to alarm from Box 311 on February 24, fire on Farnham street, near Reading street.

Several complaints from citizens regarding poles and wires have been satisfactorily adjusted.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	183
Notices of new wiring received	87

The temporary wiring at the various theatres has been inspected, and at one of them wiring was condemned.

A second-alarm fire from Box 311 at 4.17 P.M., February 23, fire on Kemble street, was responded to.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approval of permits have been granted as follows:

Building connections	4
Repairs	4

Inspections have been made as follows:

Building connections	1
Pole connections	3
Repairs	1
Cable drawings	23
Installation of underground transformer	1

Progress of work:

Feet of conduit completed	2,298
Feet of duct laid	2,947
Feet of cable drawn in	55,271
Service connections made	14
Underground plans filed	12
Manholes built	7

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

February 14, 1900.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held at the office of the President on February 14, 1900, at 4.30 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague, Keany and Rueter.

The regular monthly bills, amounting to \$28,417.26, were submitted and approved.

Voted, That the regular monthly draft on account of the Ann White Vose building, furnishings, amounting to \$2,477.26, be approved.

Voted, That there be paid to the Boston Water Department the sum of \$1,231.24, the same being on account of materials furnished; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital buildings, improvements, Hospital Department.

Voted, That there be paid to George G. Baker the sum of \$2,823.50 on account of his contract of August 30, 1899, for alteration of kitchen; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Wyman Building Fund.

Voted, That there be paid to Wheelwright & Haven the sum of \$70.58, the same being 2½ per cent. commission on \$2,823.50 paid to George G. Baker on account of his contract of August 30, 1899, for alterations and additions to kitchen; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Wyman Building Fund.

Communications were received from the Acting Superintendent as follows:

(1.) Concerning receipts from paying patients. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

(2.) Enclosing a receipt from the City Treasurer for check from estate of Morris Louis. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

(3.) Enclosing receipt from City Collector for interest on trust funds. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

A report was received from Mr. Burnham concerning the employment of engineers and boys, with a communication from Mr. William L. Hicks, Registrar of Labor, upon the matter. The same was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

A communication was received from the secretary of the senior staff, requesting the appointment of Dr. Whiteside as temporary fourth assistant surgeon during Dr. Nichols' absence. It was voted that the appointment be made as requested.

Circular No. 2, from Mayor Hart, respecting annual reports of departments, was received, and referred to the Superintendent for immediate attention.

Circular No. 3 was received from the Mayor, requesting estimates of department requirements to be met from loans. The President reported to the Board a letter sent to the Mayor, in response to this circular, under date of February 12.

Voted, That the addition to the contract of George G. Baker for \$137.50, for the substitution of Penryn slate trench covers for North river blue stone, be authorized.

Voted, That that the wages due Cecil B. Harmon, orderly, deceased, amounting to \$3.75, be paid to Eleanor A. Harmon, mother of said deceased.

The report of the Medical Committee in the matter of the establishment of the position of senior physician for diseases of women was accepted and approved.

Mr. Sprague gave notice of change of all rules affected by the change of title of physicians for diseases of the throat to surgeons for diseases of the throat.

The Medical Committee reported upon the matter of house officers at the south department referred to them, and their action thereunder. It was voted that their report and action be accepted and approved.

On the recommendation of the Medical Committee, it was

Voted, That Edgar M. Holmes, M.D., be appointed aural surgeon for the remainder of the year, beginning the first Monday in May, 1899.

The Medical Committee reported upon the matter of insufficiency of supply of serum by the State Board of Health.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Library Department.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M., March, 2 1900.

Present: Messrs. Benton, DeNormandie, Bowditch, Dwight and Lincoln.

Received: The Librarian's report.

The request of the New York State Library for 100 copies of the circular on the library free lectures, was granted.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$410.06; trust funds, \$192.96; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$11.52; to Station "P," \$41.53; miscellaneous articles, \$358.54.

Various applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Overseeing of the Poor Department.

A meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held March 7, 1900.

Present: Mr. Fowler (Chairman), Mr. Pierce, Mr. Sproules, Mrs. Wolcott, Mr. Nazro, Mr. Mullen and Mrs. Quinn.

Certificate from the office of the City Clerk of the election of Frederic H. Nazro as an Overseer of the Poor for the term ending April 30, 1902, was read, and Mr. Nazro was sworn by the Chairman.

The Chairman nominated Mr. Nazro to fill vacancies on the Committees of Employments and Settlements and of Burials, and the nominations were confirmed.

Voted, To draw on the city treasury for \$2,000.

Voted, To approve the monthly bills and pay-roll, the same having been read in full.

The bills of the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers for the month ending February 10 were read and approved.

Voted, That the Treasurer pro tempore be authorized to collect City of Boston notes due April 1, 1900, and re-invest the proceeds in new notes:

No. 3,644, belonging to Boylston Education Fund, \$2,000; No. 3,645, belonging to Pemberton Fund, \$1,000; No. 3,646, belonging to Boylston Relief Fund, \$1,000.

Circular No. 3 from the Mayor asking an estimate of department requirements to be met from loans was read by the Chairman, who stated that a reply had been sent to the effect that no loans need be made on account of this Department. The action of the Chairman was approved.

A communication was received from the Pauper Institutions Trustees enclosing the opinion of the Corporation Counsel to the effect that applications for admission of suitable patients to the Rutland Hospital should be made to the Overseers rather than the Trustees, and asking if this Board will act on such cases in the future.

Voted, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to endeavor to secure an amendment of the act with regard to the Rutland Hospital, so that application in Boston may be acted upon by the Pauper Institutions Trustees.

A notice was received of bequest by the late Almira P. Balch of \$200 to the Chardon-street Home and was referred to the Committee on the Home.

The Committee on Finance, by its Chairman, Mr. Pierce, reported having examined the accounts for the month of February and found them correct. The same Committee reported having arranged with Mr. George T. Stoddard for the annual examination of the accounts and funds, his charge to be \$60.

Voted, That the action of the Committee be approved.

The monthly report of the Temporary Home was read by Mrs. Wolcott, who called special attention to the improvements made in the nursery.

The report was accepted and placed on file.

The monthly report of the Lodge and Woodyard was read by the Chairman and was accepted and placed on file.

The Committee on Building requested a further appropriation of \$50 to complete the the painting and repairs, and the amount was voted. The same Committee reported that an entrance to the Dispensary could not well be made from Chardon street but that its beneficiaries could be required to enter the building by the door leading from the back part of the building.

Voted, That the physicians in charge of the Dispensary be requested to notify their patients to enter and leave by the basement door.

Voted, That 1,000 copies of the annual report be printed for the use of the Board, 900 to be bound in paper and 100 in cloth, and that copies be sent to the pastors of the various churches in Boston.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

February 17, 1900.

A special meeting of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Saturday, February 17, at 11 A.M., to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign certain papers on behalf of the Board.

Voted, That the recommendation of the Finance Committee that this Board be requested to ask for a loan of \$77,780 be approved.

WALTER HUNNEWELL,
Secretary pro tempore.

Statistics Department.

February 12, 1900.

The forty-ninth meeting of the Board of Statistics Trustees was held in Room 73, City Hall, on Monday, February 12, at 3.30 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Abbott, Dewey, Jackson, Minot and Weld. Mr. Minot occupied the chair.

The Secretary reported on the work of the month and on the work in hand. The matter of increasing the scope and circulation of the Monthly Bulletin was discussed and favored, and various lines of investigation by the Department were discussed at length.

The Secretary was instructed to invite Mayor Hart to be present at the next meeting of the Board, or at a special meeting to be held at his convenience, as he might prefer.

March 12, 1900.

The fiftieth meeting of the Statistics Trustees was held in Room 73, City Hall, on Monday, March 12, 1900, at 3 P.M.

Present: All the members of the Board, namely: Messrs. Abbott, Dewey, Folsom, Jackson, Minot and Weld. Mr. Minot occupied the chair.

Mr. Minot presented the manuscript of a study of "The Extraordinary Receipts and Expenditures of Boston for the Five Years Ending January 31, 1898," which had been prepared with a view to its publication as Special Publication No. 5. He explained the character and results of the investigation, and stated that the study was practically complete except so much as related to the cost of sewers by individual streets.

Mr. Abbott moved, and it was voted, that the Secretary be requested to procure an estimate of the cost of printing the manuscript of Special Publication No. 5, omitting for later publication the matter of streets and sewers.

Mr. Dewey moved, and it was voted, that the report of the Board as presented by the Secretary be accepted for publication, unless objections in writing be made by the members to whom it is sent in manuscript.

Mr. Dewey moved, and it was voted, that a committee consisting of the Chairman and Mr. Abbott, be authorized to take into consideration and approve the publication of Special Publication No. 5, in case a satisfactory estimate of the cost of doing it is secured.

Mr. Dewey moved, and it was voted, that a special edition of the recently prepared table, which shows the amount and character of the debt created in the period 1885-1886 to 1889-1900, be published and circulated.

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, Secretary.

DEATH OF HOSEMAN McCARTHY.

A serious fire at 209-211 North street on Sunday, March 11, 1900, caused the death of Hoseman Patrick J. McCarthy, of Engine Company 8, who had been a member of the Fire Department for the past twelve years. Lieutenant McLean, of Engine Company 8,

Lieutenant O'Brien, of Tower Company 1, Hoseman Galloway, of Engine Company 15, and Hoseman Curran, of Engine Company 9, sustained injuries.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, Mass., February 5, 1900

GENTLEMEN: The West End Street Railway Company by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks and curves on Arlington avenue and Beacham street and single track on Arlington avenue, from Beacham street to the Somerville line, with connecting curve near Sewall's court, in the Charlestown district—substantially as shown on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated January 31, 1900, and filed herewith.

Also for leave to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said streets petitioned for, and to erect, lay, maintain and use the necessary poles, wires, appliances, electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of the streets necessary for that purpose.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 12, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will on Monday, the second day of April, at 3 o'clock P. M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Charlestown Enterprise, Boston Journal, THE CITY RECORD and The Hibernian.

Passed.
A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, Mass., February 5, 1900.

GENTLEMEN: The West End Street Railway Company by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use a double track crossing with curved connections across Beacham street, between Main and West streets, as shown on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated January 31, 1900, and filed herewith.

Also for leave to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said street petitioned for, and to erect, lay, maintain and use the necessary poles, wires, appliances, electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of the streets necessary for that purpose.

West End Street Railway Company,
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CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 12, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will on Monday, the second day of April, at 3 o'clock P. M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Charlestown Enterprise and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

March 14, 1900.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that the private way leading from Commonwealth avenue to the Boston and Albany Railroad, known as Avon street, be laid out as a highway with the name of Lawton street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A. M., of the twenty-eighth day of March, 1900, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, Mass., February 3, 1900.

GENTLEMEN: The West End Street Railway Company by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double curved tracks on Main street near the junction of said street with Mystic avenue and Haverhill street, all substantially as shown on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated January 26, 1900, and filed herewith—the same to take the place of existing tracks indicated by dotted lines thereon, which will be removed upon the construction of the tracks prayed for.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 12, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will on Monday, the second day of April, at 3 o'clock P. M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Charlestown Enterprise, Boston Post, THE CITY RECORD and The Hibernian.

Passed.
A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, Mass., March 2, 1900.

GENTLEMEN: The West End Street Railway Company by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use a double track on Longwood avenue, in place of the single track with turn-outs there existing, beginning at a point near the intersection of said Longwood avenue with Huntington avenue, connecting with tracks there situate, and thence extending to and connecting with the company's tracks on Brookline avenue, with all necessary cross-overs, curves and connections, all substantially as shown on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated February 10, 1900, and filed herewith.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 12, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the second day of April, at 3 o'clock P. M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Roxbury Gazette, and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

WATER DEPARTMENT.

Notice is hereby given to the water takers in that portion of Jamaica Plain and Roxbury lying in the valley of Stony brook, between Roxbury crossing and Forest Hills station, now supplied by low service, that the water mains in this section will be connected with the high service on or about April 15, 1900. All persons having connections with these mains are cautioned to see that the pipes and fixtures on their premises are in suitable condition to stand the increased pressure.

A. P. MARTIN, Water Commissioner.

NOTICE.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following named streets and highways of said city, locations to be as shown on the map or plan filed, dated January 5, 1900.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Alley No. 414, from Massachusetts avenue to Hereford street, lying between Marlboro' and Beacon streets, Ward 11.

Alley No. 415, from Hereford street to Gloucester street, lying between Marlboro' and Beacon streets, Ward 11.

Alley No. 416, from Gloucester street to Fairfield street, lying between Marlboro' and Beacon streets, Ward 11.

Alley No. 417, from Fairfield street to Exeter street, lying between Marlboro' and Beacon streets, Ward 11.

Alley No. 418, from Exeter street to Dartmouth street, lying between Marlboro' and Beacon streets, Ward 11.

Alley No. 419, from Dartmouth street to Clarendon street, lying between Marlboro' and Beacon streets, Ward 11.

Alley No. 420, from Clarendon street to Berkeley street, lying between Marlboro' and Beacon streets, Ward 11.

Alley No. 421, from Berkeley street to Arlington street, lying between Marlboro' and Beacon streets, Ward 11.

Wolcott street, between Columbia road and Erie street, Ward 20.

Erie street, near Wolcott street, Ward 20.

Corner of Wolcott street and Erie street, Ward 20.

Sawyer avenue, between Downer avenue and Cushing avenue, Ward 20.

Corner of Roxbury street and Guild row, Ward 18.

Guild row near Dudley street, Ward 18.

Washington street, corner Dudley street near Cliff street, Ward 18.

Robert street, between South street and the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad crossing, Ward 23.

Corner of Sutherland road and Commonwealth avenue, Ward 25.

Washington street, near Commonwealth avenue, Ward 25.

Washington street, near Cambridge street, Ward 25.

Corner of Strathmore road and Commonwealth avenue, Ward 25.

Chiswick road, between Chestnut Hill avenue and Selkirk road, Ward 25.

Corner of Commonwealth avenue and Chiswick road, Ward 25.

Also to remove poles from corner of Sutherland road and Commonwealth avenue, Ward 25.

Washington street, near Commonwealth avenue, Ward 25.

Washington street, near Cambridge street, Ward 25.

Corner of Strathmore road and Commonwealth avenue, Ward 25.

Chiswick road, between Chestnut Hill avenue and Selkirk road, Ward 25.

Corner of Commonwealth avenue and Chiswick road, Ward 25.

Washington street, between Cliff and Zelgler streets, Ward 18.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 12, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the nineteenth day of March, at 3 o'clock P. M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Boston Globe, Brighton Item, Boston Journal, Dorchester Beacon, Jamaica Plain News and THE CITY RECORD, Boston Traveler, Roxbury Gazette.

Passed.
A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

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CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, March 12, 1900.

Sealed proposals for the collection and removal of store dirt, house dirt and ashes in the Meeting House Hill district (as shown on the official map on file at the office of the Superintendent of Streets), will be received at the said office of the Superintendent of Streets, until 12 M. of Wednesday, March 21, 1900, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. Bidders must reside in or adjacent to this district.

Said ashes to be collected and removed at least once each week, to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and to be delivered at dumps, to be provided by the contractor, unless otherwise ordered, the city to furnish carts and the contractor the necessary horses and men.

Form of contract may be seen at the Central Office of the Street Department. The contract is to cover a term of two (2) years, dependent on the proper appropriations from time to time by the city government. Said proposals to state the terms for collection and removal per year. Each proposal must be accompanied by a properly certified check for \$100, and a bond will be required for the faithful performance of each contract.

The Superintendent of Streets reserves the right to reject any and all proposals should he deem it for the interest of the city so to do.

B. T. WHEELER, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS:

Boston, Mass., January 31, 1900.

Respectfully represents your petitioner, the West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company, that it is a corporation duly organized under the laws of Massachusetts, that its charter has been duly accepted and its tracks located and constructed in said City of Boston, and it prays that the tracks of said company within said city be extended, and that other and additional locations may be granted to it as hereinafter set forth, and that said company may be permitted to locate, lay and maintain tracks with such turn-outs and switches as may be necessary, and erect and maintain the necessary poles, wires and other fixtures along the ways hereinafter named for the purpose of operating by electricity or other motive power, except steam, a street railway through the following streets in said City of Boston, to wit:

Commencing on Adams street, at the termination of the present location of said company and at a connection with its present tracks, and thence extending through said Adams street to its intersection with Granite avenue, thence crossing said Granite avenue to Marsh street, and thence through said Marsh street in a general easterly direction to its terminus as a public way.

Also, commencing on Centre street in the West Roxbury district, at an intersection with the present tracks of said company near LaGrange street; thence running on said Centre street to LaGrange street; thence running through said LaGrange street to Mt. Vernon street; thence running through said Mt. Vernon street to Baker street, and thence through said Baker street to the Newton line.

Also, commencing at a connection with the present location of said company on Hyde Park avenue, near Ashland street, and thence running on said Hyde Park avenue and on Ashland street upon a curve to an intersection with the present location of the tracks of said company on said Ashland street.

The locations of said tracks, turn-outs and switches are shown on plans made by H. T. Whitman, engineer, dated January, 1900, and filed herewith.

West Roxbury and Roslindale Street Railway Company,
By JOHN R. GRAHAM,

Its President, herewith duly authorized by vote of its directors.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 12, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the second day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Jamaica Plain News, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, Mass., February 23, 1900.

GENTLEMEN: The West End Street Railway Company by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use curved tracks and connections on Battery and Commercial streets, near the junction thereof—all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated January 26, 1900, and filed herewith—the tracks indicated by dotted lines on said plan to be removed.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 12, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the second day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Traveler, Boston Journal, and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, Mass., March 2, 1900.

GENTLEMEN: The West End Street Railway Company by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use an additional siding with cross connections on Commonwealth avenue in the Brighton district, so-called, connecting with tracks there situate near the Newton line, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated February 20, 1900, and filed herewith.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 12, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the second day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Traveler, Brighton Item and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

March 7, 1900.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Temple street, at West Roxbury, be laid out as a highway, from Ivory street to Centre street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the twenty-first day of March, 1900, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.
Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, Mass., January 1, 1900.

GENTLEMEN: The West End Street Railway Company by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks in Saratoga street, in that part of Boston called East Boston, from a point near Bennington street, where the existing tracks of said company now end, to the dividing line between the Town of Winthrop and the City of Boston, with all necessary curves, cross-overs and connections; all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated March 3, 1899, and now on the files of your said Board.

Also that consent and permission be given said company to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said new track, and to erect, lay, maintain and use the necessary poles, wires, appliances and electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of the streets necessary for that purpose.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 12, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the second day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the East Boston Free Press, Boston Globe and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, Mass., January 25, 1900.

GENTLEMEN: The West End Street Railway Company by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use curved tracks at the junction of Beacham and Main streets, in the Charlestown district; also at the corner of Alford and Main streets, and also near the corner of Alford and West streets, connecting with the existing tracks of said company there situate, and extending to the premises of said Elevated Railway Company, with design to connect surface cars thereby with the terminal of said Elevated Railway Company,—all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated December 9, 1899, and filed herewith. Also for leave to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said curves and connections, and to erect, lay and maintain the necessary poles, wires, appliances and electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of the streets necessary for that purpose.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its Attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 12, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the second day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Charlestown Enterprise, Boston Journal, THE CITY RECORD and The Hibernian.

Passed.
A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.



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EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY.

Room 71, City Hall,

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ADDRESSED.

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CITY FINANCES OF BOSTON.

Following is the argument in full of Mayor Hart made on March 19, 1900, before the Committees on Metropolitan Affairs and Taxation of the General Court, in behalf of the passage of an act to raise the tax limit of Boston for current expenses from nine to twelve dollars per thousand of assessed valuation (see House Bill No. 927 printed in THE CITY RECORD, No. 9, page 121):

GENTLEMEN: In discussing before you the affairs of Boston, I trust that no word may fall from my lips, nor any thought enter my mind, that will not bear the test of time, or go without the approval of Heaven. I have no cause of my own to offer. It is for Boston and Massachusetts that I speak. I do not speak for any temporary contrivance or scheme, but for the immutable laws of justice and right, to which all men and all statutes and all constitutions are subordinate.

The subject I offer is not a mere Boston concern. If it concerned Boston alone, it might deserve your close attention. It involves the Commonwealth; for under our laws the City of Boston can do little or

nothing without the permission of the General Court. Nor is it a mere party measure I lay before you. It touches the whole community, not merely the taxpayer, or business man, or property-holder, but all; and not merely the present time, but the future as well. In such an emergency you do not expect me to deal in personalities, to indulge in praising this man, or blaming that man. I have but one purpose—to tell the truth and to do right, well aware that all else must fail, and ought to fail.

The measure proposed is very simple. It intends to place Boston on the same financial footing with all other cities in the Commonwealth. It seems to me that no objection should be made to such a request. It would be a step forward in sound legislation. Universal experience favors general legislation, and no man has ever succeeded in defending special legislation as a correct principle. Yet the City of Boston labors under many hundreds of special laws.

In recent years, as you are aware, these special laws have increased at such a rate that an undue share of the time and strength at the disposal of the General Court, properly belonging to the whole Commonwealth and all its people, has been devoted to Boston and the Metropolitan district. By adopting the measure I have laid before you, it seems to me that the General Court may save a month's time in its annual session. Unless we get the relief asked for in a general measure, we shall be obliged to come before you with a long series of special requests, some of which have made their appearance. In fact, recent Legislatures have become the City Council of Boston, and unless you adopt a new policy you will have to consider the needs of Boston as to streets, parks, school-houses and other details. I submit that it is in your interest, and in the public interest, to act solely as the General Court of Massachusetts, and not also as the City Council of Boston.

The law of 1885, which we seek to amend, was passed in good faith. It gave general satisfaction. It promised well. How was the promise kept? The books of the city and State can tell. We started with a gross debt of less than \$43,000,000 in 1885, and

the past fiscal year of the city ended with a gross debt of \$86,966,578.98. The law of 1885 was intended to limit our debt; as a matter of fact, our gross liabilities are now more than double what they were fifteen years ago. I mention the gross debt, because the people pay interest and sinking-fund charges on the gross debt. And we should add the Boston liabilities incurred through Metropolitan boards. They come to us in annual warrants. These warrants may run up toward a million dollars in the present year, representing a Boston liability of about twenty millions, when capitalized at 5 per cent. Exact figures, I regret to say, are not available. But whichever way the thing is figured, the fact remains that Boston is liable, in the gross, for a sum exceeding \$100,000,000. I do not despair. The debt will be paid. But the burden is absolutely appalling, and if any man think the law of 1885 helped to keep our indebtedness down, he is welcome to his belief, and to all his statistics.

Few men can make much of statistical tables. I fear that very few men can fully understand what it means that Boston is taxed for a debt representing more than a hundred millions. Taxed? I should not be here had we been taxed for our debt in full. We have not. Let me tell you what was done. For interest and sinking-fund, to maintain our debt, the past fifteen years, we paid \$63,681,753.19; the debt created during the same period was \$77,179,605. We created liabilities faster than we discharged them. The feat would have been impossible, were it not that more than a thousand million dollars of taxable property upheld the operation.

When the debt limit was established, in 1885, our net funded debt was \$24,596,579.91; our past financial year ended with a net debt of \$58,333,369.10. The popular impression is that the increase is recent. It is nothing of the kind. The increase is distributed over the entire period during which the debt limit of 1885 was on our statute books. The increase was at first slow; it grew as time went on, and it must grow unless we call a halt. That the increase was greater in recent than in former years is true. It

could not be otherwise. Our expenses increase, and will increase; and our debt must increase correspondingly, unless we increase our revenues faster than our expenses. In sober truth, we pursue the opposite course.

Every Mayor since 1885 has tried to keep expenses down, hoping to reduce them to a proper relation to taxes and income. Some Mayors thought it could be done. They had the highest inducement to do it. They failed. They failed completely. They were doomed to fail. For no financier can avert a deficit when his expenses grow faster than his revenues. And it is wholly idle to hope for relief from little economies. We can reduce salaries; we can discharge men by the hundred and by the thousand; but the government belongs to the people; they insist upon at least as good a service as they had in the past; very generally they demand a somewhat better service; and the law rather sustains them.

The law requires a number of things, costing money, that are yet to be done. Nor should the public service drop to a lower standard. In this condition of things I have no hope of reducing expenses materially below the totals of recent years, and I could not if I tried. The city government, the General Court, public opinion, would overrule me. I cannot do as I choose; my hands are tied; I am the servant of the law; by far the largest part of expenses in my administration is in the nature of fixed or unavoidable charges. The alternative before me, before you, is rigid: Either more revenue or more debt. The idea of stopping improvements, or giving up proper maintenance, the public is not willing to consider.

The financial condition of Boston, under State control since 1885, has not improved. In my judgment it could not improve, for the reason that the General Court is not in a position to judge properly of every financial detail in Boston. It can lay down general laws; it cannot judge fully of so many financial measures as have come up from Boston. As these financial measures affect Boston, and not the treasury of the Commonwealth, it is but natural and legitimate that every General Court should dispose of them with a light conscience. If the measures be wrong, they may trouble Boston; they cannot trouble the General Court that passed them.

In any event, the practice of the past fifteen years is not creditable to anybody, and its results are most unfortunate. The responsibility should be distributed over fifteen years, and among a great many persons. But more important than blame and fault-finding is a way out of all difficulties. I propose to lay a greater responsibility upon the people of Boston and their city government, and at the same time to relieve the General Court. The General Court, I think, will have done its duty when it has laid down a general tax and debt limit for all cities, if not for all municipalities in Massachusetts.

Under the bill which you are asked to pass, the City of Boston can borrow more money without additional authority. The object is to complete the work now in hand, and to meet all requirements as they arise, especially in the nature of school-houses and street improvements.

In fact, the measure proposed should make all special legislation in Boston finances unnecessary. If you pass the bill, it is all

that Boston will ask in financial legislation, and you can dismiss all applications for more money to be expended in hospitals, parks, bridges or buildings. Boston will be able to get along under the proposed arrangement, and for the first time in fifteen years will be able to treat its finances systematically.

It will not be able to build a new City Hall; but it will be prepared to put up all necessary buildings without going outside the general debt limit. The great danger of City Hall, the School Committee and special interests coming here for special authority to expend money outside the general limit will be averted. As you are aware, the larger part of the debt in the past fifteen years was created outside the limit of 1885 under special legislation. It is this special legislation, creating special debts, that we have every reason to dread and to terminate.

But the debt limit proposed is not the most important part of the measure in hand. It is from the new tax limit that we hope for better results. The bill raises the Boston tax limit for current expenses from \$9 to \$12 per thousand of assessed valuation. The amount was fixed at that rate, not because we intend to add \$3 per thousand to our tax bills, but to treat all cities alike, and to avoid special Boston rates. It seems reasonable to treat cities alike. It does not seem unreasonable to give Boston the same latitude enjoyed by other cities of the Commonwealth. Every dollar added to our tax rate will net about a million dollars in revenue. So the maximum we could obtain from the new rate would be \$3,000,000.

No city government would dare to ask for every dollar it could. It would mean an addition of 33½ per cent. to our present rate for current purposes. The city government would not appropriate the whole, or ask for the whole, for the reason that public opinion would not bear as much. It would retire the government so reckless and grasping. And it could easily put its finger upon every guilty man. When the General Court appropriates Boston money, or Boston credit, the people of Boston are without a remedy. They have no voice in electing or defeating members of the General Court outside of Boston. Every member of the Boston city government is subject to Boston votes.

The General Court may hesitate to entrust so much added power to Boston. But Boston may as well be trusted as other cities. The experiment of keeping Boston under special control of the State House, whether right or wrong in principle, has worked badly in fact. No man can tell what Boston might have done, or might not have done, if wholly left to itself, without any State House restraint. But it is contrary to reason to think that Boston voters would have tolerated such finances as we have had these fifteen years, or that our city governments would have had the courage to run up debts at recent rates. The debt was actually run up under all sorts of special laws, in which Boston had little or no authority. Our financial condition is due to a long set of special laws, not made by you, but by your predecessors, all acting in good faith, I believe, but not always on sound information. These laws compelled us to have low taxes; they compelled us to build palaces and indulge in luxuries; they compel me at this

very moment to make one appropriation for current work, and another appropriation of money raised by loans. The law treats loan orders as a regular thing, to be attended to like other routine work. No blame attaches to the present State government, and I decline to censure its predecessors; but the fact remains that State control has not worked well, and that another experiment is worth making.

We ask that a part of the discretion exercised by the General Court, which does not pay the bills, be transferred to the city, which has to take all the consequences. How the city would act, no man can tell. But the results would be apparent to those who pay the bills and can turn from power every man who wastes city money, or unduly adds to the tax burden. No such condition has existed these fifteen years. We have heard much about City Hall finances and financiering, about mayors keeping taxes down, about administrations managing debts with startling ability. The truth is, they expended every cent they could lawfully get from taxes and other income; for the rest they ran in debt, and their debts piled up much faster than did the revenue the law allowed to be raised for interest and sinking-funds. The finances of Boston for the past fifteen years have not been the work of mayors and city councils and school committees and county officers, but of special statutes. If this order of things is to be continued, the result may be foretold, unless we assume that human nature and human wants will be different the next fifteen years from what they have been since 1885.

In this state of affairs it seems reasonable to let Boston show what it can do. Let the Boston city government act on some responsibility, and let Boston taxpayers learn that their Mayor and City Council have some responsibility in making the tax rate.

Do you think that I ask for a higher tax rate in wantonness? I have as much at stake as most men, and perhaps more than the average. I have some experience in private business, and some in public affairs. My reputation is the result of a long life, now drawing to a close. Does any man think that I propose to throw away the record of a life? Does a responsible man set himself lightly in the place I hold? My natural sympathies and affiliations are with the majority at the State House and the minority at City Hall. I am not a stranger to politics, if I may use the abused word.

Yet when I favor a higher tax rate in Boston, I take the largest and best view of the whole problem that years of study and observation, years of responsibility in office, and a life not wholly a stranger to honest living and honest thinking, force upon me with increasing power. I know very well what I can do at City Hall; that I can issue loans for very long terms, so that the tax bills will not tell much for the present; that I can manipulate; that I can hide unpopular truths; that I can make a show of brave financiering and low tax rates; that I can play the successful reformer, if applause be success; that I can play to all the galleries and all the committees, and retire with the reputation of being the most amiable of mayors.

But I should be undutiful to city and State, to business honesty and political morality,

were I to withhold from you the truth that alone can save us. Suppose you grant what we ask. What will happen? All the world will know that Boston favored reasonable expenses and improvements, and taxed itself accordingly. It will redound to our honor, political and financial, to discontinue a policy of low taxes and generous expenses.

We tried it. It failed. Let us mend our policy without a regret. Let us give up the childish idea that costly improvements will cease. They will not cease. In my judgment they will increase as long as we are true Americans, true Bostonians.

Accordingly let us drop the policy of making the next generation pay for the luxuries of the present. We cannot act on the pay-as-you-go policy. Were we to adopt that course, attractive as it may seem, the tax rate of Boston, instead of being about \$13 per thousand, would be nearer \$20 per thousand. No such heroism is proposed; only a little less borrowing, and a little more taxing. Let the General Court enable us to keep our borrowing within the amount required for interest and sinking-funds. Let us take the first step. Assuming that the General Court of the past acted in good faith, let us act in equally good faith, but without shutting our eyes to the experience of the past.

Suppose that City Hall should go into extremes, cannot the General Court interpose its veto? The risk of City Hall acting contrary to the reasonable wishes of the General Court, is very slight just now. Perhaps the General Court could have some confidence in my public character. It might let me try for a year or two. I promise a good and prompt accounting. In particular I shall promise to tell the truth, and to hide nothing. In any event, I beg to say that the situation is serious. As you know, no man disputes my facts. The need of a remedy is imperative. It is perhaps the most serious business now before the General Court. I propose a cautious remedy, an experiment, a tentative measure.

My opponents suggest the little remedies of economy and manipulation we have tried these fifteen years. Such remedies, I think, are not worth discussing. They were tried; the debt statements of Boston show the result. I try them every day; but I cannot promise any very considerable reduction in our city expenses. They will be about thirty millions; if we meet one-half by taxes, we shall be lucky. If you grant the discretion we ask, if you place us on a par with other cities, we shall do better. And if the measure I ask should fail in any particular to meet the just requirements of sound government, correct administration, honest business and legitimate politics, I shall hasten to inform the city I serve and the Commonwealth we love. Grant my request, and peace with honor will be yours while the City of Boston will go to work bravely and man fashion, to avert fear, alarm and possible disaster.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LAMP DEPARTMENT.

The following extracts are taken from the annual report for the year ending January 31, 1900, of the Lamp Department, which

has recently been issued. The report constitutes Document 21—1900:

The appropriation of the Department for the year amounted to \$670,000. The expenses were \$678,915. There was an increase of cost of maintenance over the previous year of \$14,577 for gas and naphtha lamps and \$23,066 for electric lamps.

The total number of new lamps of all kinds set up and replaced during the year was 485. There were 244 lamps discontinued.

A radical change in the gas street-lighting system of the city was inaugurated during the year, a contract having been made with the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company for seven years, whereby that company assumed entire charge of the gas-lighting of the city, furnishing new "Boulevard" lanterns and Welsbach mantles and burners in place of the former gas-lanterns. The lamplighters employed by the city were transferred to the employ of the company at the same wages and the company also makes the necessary contracts with the gas companies for supplying gas. The company is paid by the city at the rate of \$30 for each lamp per annum, with a proportional deduction for imperfect service.

A new contract for furnishing the arc street lamps in the Charlestown district was entered upon with the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company on December 2, 1899, the same to continue in force until February 1, 1905, at the rate of thirty-five cents per night, per lamp, or if connected with underground wires of the city, at the rate of thirty-four cents per lamp.

The arc lamps in the Brighton district are furnished by the Brookline Gas Light Company, under a five years' contract, dated from February 20, 1894, which expired last year. It would seem that the city should make a new contract requiring the use of the enclosed arc lamp and wooden posts in this district, such as were agreed upon in the contract with the Charlestown company.

During the year 1894 the Boston Electric Light Company began the work of laying its wires in underground conduits, and since that time a large number of city lamps furnished by that company have been connected with the underground system. There are also 324 lamps connected with the underground system on the parks and parkways.

The public lamps are distributed in the various sections of the city as follows:

JANUARY 10, 1900.	Gas Lamps.	Electric Arc Lamps.	Naphtha Lamps.	Incandescent Lamps.	Fire-alarm Lamps.	Total.
City Proper	1,509	989	101	—	79	2,678
Roxbury	1,619	490	—	7	7	2,132
Dorchester	2,131	322	714	—	2	3,169
West Roxbury . . .	1,159	279	1,102	—	2	2,542
South Boston . . .	425	306	318	7	4	1,060
Charlestown	476	212	—	—	6	694
East Boston	370	213	145	—	4	732
Brighton	629	204	171	14	2	1,020
Chelsea	2	—	—	—	—	2
Totals	8,320	3,024	2,551	28	106	14,029

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the Penal Institutions Department for the year 1899-1900, being Document 29, 1900, has recently been submitted to Mayor Hart in print. From it the following extracts are made:

The discipline of the Department has been maintained at a high standard, and good order has prevailed among the inmates.

With regard to the officers of the institutions, the report recommends an increase of pay equal to the pay received for the same work by officers of State institutions.

Recommendation is also made for the establishment of a separate place of confinement for women, entirely distinct from the institutions now used for the confinement of both men and women, which should be used for men alone.

The number of commitments to our institutions for the year shows a decrease over 1899 of 283, the aggregate number of the "rounder" class being 4,419.

The report expresses disapproval of the work carried on in the prisons, particularly of the clothing industry, as not being suitable for the class of persons confined therein.

The expenditures of the Department for the year ending January 31, 1900, were as follows:

Office expenses	\$21,886 72
House of Correction, Deer Island,	152,353 79
House of Correction, South Boston	83,502 80
Steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee"	18,396 74
Total	\$276,140 05

The income of the Department amounted to \$4,701.68.

The average number of inmates for years ending January 31, 1899, and January 31, 1900, was as follows:

	1899.	1900.	Increase.	Decrease.
House of Correction, Deer Island,	1,569	1,167	—	402
House of Correction, South Boston,	537	473	—	64
Totals	2,106	1,640	—	466

The average expenditures for and net cost per inmate for year ending January 31, 1900 were as follows:

	EXPENDITURES.		NET COST.	
	Per Year.	Per Week.	Per Year.	Per Week.
House of Correction, Deer Island	\$130 55	\$2 51	\$119 62	\$2 30
House of Correction, South Boston	176 54	3 40	175 03	3 37

The report contains, in addition to much statistical matter, the reports of the agents for discharged prisoners, and the reports of the Masters of the Houses of Correction at South Boston and Deer Island.

ANNUAL REPORT OF CITY MESSENGER DEPARTMENT.

The following extracts are taken from the annual report of the City Messenger Department for the year ending January 31, 1900, which has recently been submitted to Mayor Hart. The report constitutes Document 10—1900:

During the past year the general work performed has been the attendance at meetings of both branches of the City Council, and the Committees thereof; the care, custody, delivery, and filing of all city documents, minutes, books, and pamphlets of the City Council; the care of the city flag-staffs, flags, ropes and stakes; the care and cleaning of the City Hall; also special work performed at the request of the Mayor, both branches of the City Council, and some of the city departments.

Attendance was given to fifty-eight meetings of the Board of Aldermen and thirty-six meetings of the Common Council.

The number of documents, bound publications, City Council minutes and orders of business received and delivered during the year amounted to about 158,000. The receipts from subscriptions and sales of THE CITY RECORD amounted to \$184.50.

Recommendation is made that the Aldermanic Chamber and anteroom be painted and that a large committee room be secured.

The expenditures of the Department amounted to \$28,399.87.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason street, on Tuesday, March 13, 1900, at 7.30 P.M., President Gallivan in the chair, and all the members present.

The appointments, confirmation and transfers, as presented at the last meeting, were approved.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read and successively passed:

(1.) That there be paid to Sarah J. and Cornelius W. Conant and Harriet I. Hadley the sum of \$4,400 as payment for their estate on Bartlett street, at Charlestown, taken for school purposes by the City of Boston, April 14, 1899 (taking recorded same day), upon the said Sarah J. Conant and others giving to the city a deed for said estate so taken, satisfactory to the Law Department.

(2.) That from the \$10,000 appropriated November 9, 1897, for Mayhew School-house, furnishing, the following transfer be made:

New primary school-house, Charlestown site, additional, \$3,088.53.

(3.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$195 for making connections for electric power and lighting at the Francis Parkman School-house.

(4.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$486 for wiring the new East Boston High School-house in connection with installation of program clocks.

(5.) That "Polyhymnia," by John W. Tufts, published by Silver, Burdett & Co.,

be authorized for use as a text-book in the Mechanic Arts High School.

The following orders took their second reading, and were passed:

(1.) That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Sect. 325. Strike out the words "Evening Schools" in the sixth line, and substitute therefor the word "Drawing," so that the section will read as follows:

Sect. 325. Evening Schools for free instruction in industrial drawing under the direction of the master of Evening Drawing Schools, may be established in such of the school-houses—with the consent of the Committee on School-houses—and in such other places as the Committee on Drawing, with the approval of the Board, shall from time to time deem expedient.

Sect. 333. Strike out the words "Evening Schools" in the fifth line, and substitute therefor the word "Drawing," so that the section will read as follows:

Sect. 333. The master shall award certificates of proficiency to those pupils at the close of the term who, in his judgment, have completed the course creditably. The certificates shall be signed by the Chairman of the Committee on Drawing, and by the master. A pupil satisfactorily completing the course of study shall be entitled to a diploma of graduation.

(2.) That the Regulations be amended, viz.:

Sect. 206. Strike out the words "Tuesday following the first Monday" in the fourth and fifth lines, and insert in place thereof the words "second Wednesday," so that the section will read as follows:

Sect. 206. The school year shall commence with the first day of September in each year, and there shall be two terms each year for the regular work in the schools; the first term beginning with the second Wednesday in September, and the second term with the first Monday in February.

The reappointments of three temporary teachers and of two teachers on probation were laid over, under the rule. The confirmation of six teachers was laid over, under the rule, and leaves of absence were granted to seven teachers.

The Superintendent presented the appointment of one temporary teacher, which was approved; the reappointments of two temporary teachers, which were laid over under the rule, and leaves of absence of four teachers, which were granted.

Mr. Merritt, for the Committee on New Buildings, offered the following orders, which were passed:

(1.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of F. G. Coburn & Co., for the erection of the Chapman Grammar School building, in the sum of \$520 for providing ten additional windows.

(2.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of Mack & Moore, for alteration and addition to the West Roxbury High School-house, in the sum of \$355 for painting the interior walls in oil, instead of water color.

(3.) That from the \$50,000 appropriated April 26, 1898, for new primary school-house, Thomas N. Hart district, the following transfer be made: Wooden building, Adams and Chestnut streets, Charlestown, additional, \$362.40.

(4.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$302 for heating and ventilation of the new two-room school building on Adams and Chestnut streets, Charlestown.

(5.) That the Committee on New Buildings be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$90 for temporary plank walks at the Francis Parkman School-house.

On motion of Mr. Courtney, for the Committee on Normal School, the Board proceeded to ballot for head-master of the Normal School.

The whole number of votes cast was twenty-two. Wallace C. Boyden had twenty votes and was declared elected head master of the Normal School.

Mr. Calderwood offered the following:

Ordered, That the order found on page 494 of the Minutes for 1899, whereby the American System of Music was ordered to be placed and taught in the primary schools, be, and the same hereby is, rescinded.

After much discussion the order was passed by the following vote: Yeas, 16; nays, 7; not voting, 1.

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION.

Boston, March 14, 1900.

A meeting of the Cambridge Bridge Commission was held on Wednesday, March 14, 1900, at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Boston, at 4 P.M.

Present: All the members.

On motion of Commissioner Leavitt, it was voted that bills and pay-rolls, amounting to \$1,762.70, presented by the Chief Engineer of the Commission for payment by the cities of Boston and Cambridge, be certified for payment by the respective cities of Boston and Cambridge.

On motion of Commissioner Leavitt, it was voted that the Chairman be authorized to approve a bill presented by Frederick M. Ellis, for negatives and photographs, amounting to \$89.25, the said amount to be paid in full by the City of Cambridge as a portion of the expense of laying out an approach to the new Cambridge bridge on the Cambridge side.

Adjourned, on motion of Commissioner Champlin, to meet when called together by the Chairman.

EDGAR R. CHAMPLIN, Secretary.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary shows the value of imports and exports, together with the entrance and clearance of foreign vessels, and the number of passengers arrived at the Port of Boston during the month of February, 1900, as compared with the corresponding month in 1899:

	Imports.		Exports.	
February, 1900	\$6,101,678		\$9,245,308	
February, 1899	3,795,879		10,313,631	
	Entered.		Cleared.	
	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
February, 1900	98	143,687	90	130,792
February, 1899	79	153,277	64	131,797
Passengers arrived, February, 1900			84	
Passengers arrived, February, 1899			447	

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, March 19, 1900, Chairman O'Brien presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages from the Mayor were received:

Veto—Telegraph Poles on West Cottage Street.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 14 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: I return without my approval the order passed by your Honorable Board 5 March, 1900, directing the Superintendent of Streets to remove thirteen poles, belonging to the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company, on West Cottage street.

The poles referred to were placed on West Cottage street last year, at the request of the Wire and Street Departments. The company, which had been ordered to remove its poles from Columbia road, did not seek the new location, but accepted it, at the request of the city authorities. The wires supported by these poles are links in the trunk lines between this city and New York, Chicago and other large cities, and to remove the poles without first granting the company a new location would, it seems to me, cause a serious and unjustifiable interruption of the company's business.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Sanitary and Street-cleaning Divisions—Dorchester.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 16 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reference to establishing branches of the Sanitary and Street-cleaning Divisions in the Dorchester district is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, March 14, 1900.

TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

Returning herewith an order of the Board of Aldermen, requesting the Superintendent of Streets, through His Honor the Mayor, to inform the Board with reference to the ashes and offal collection in the Dorchester district. I beg to say that I am in favor, so

far as possible, of abolishing the contract system in the collection of ashes and offal. Wherever we have contracts, we are much annoyed by the frequent complaints of residents, and it is difficult, we agree, to obtain satisfactory service by contract. We are obliged to resort to this, however, because in few, if any, of the outlying districts have we stables or equipment for this purpose.

In my judgment, the establishment of a city force for this purpose in Dorchester, with the necessary land, buildings and equipment for both the Sanitary and Street-cleaning Divisions, would require the sum of \$50,000 to be expended for land, wooden buildings, horses, harnesses and tools.

Respectfully submitted,

B. T. WHEELER,

Superintendent of Streets.

The communication and order were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Promotions in Fire Department.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 17 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Fire Commissioner in reference to your request for information as to whether any employees of that Department have been promoted without receiving all the salary connected with such promotions is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT,

Bristol Street, March 16, 1900.

HIS HONOR THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: In reply to the request of the Honorable Board of Aldermen for the names of any employees of this Department, who having been promoted during the past year, and having performed the duties of their new positions, have not received the entire amount of salaries connected with the same, I beg to report that the names of Lieut. Irving Sparks, Hosemen Joseph A. Kelley and Walter S. Eaton were sent down to the Mayor on August 2, the first for promotion to captain, the others to that of lieutenant; but, inasmuch as the approval was given on December 14, their promotion took effect on that day with the accompanying increase of pay.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

Estimated Cost of Macadamizing East Second Street.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 17 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Superintendent of Streets in answer to your request for estimates of the cost of macadamizing and of paving East Second street,

between K and Q streets, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, March 16, 1900.

TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR:

In accordance with request contained in inclosed order of the Board of Aldermen, I beg to report that the estimated cost of macadamizing and regulating East Second street, between K and Q streets, is \$30,100.

The estimated cost of paving the same section of the same street is \$43,000.

Respectfully submitted,

B. T. WHEELER,

Superintendent of Streets.

Placed on file.

North End Relief and Ambulance Station.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 19 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: By an order approved November 29, 1899, placing under the charge of the City Hospital Trustees a portion of the land owned by the city on Haymarket square, for the erection thereon of a relief and ambulance station, it was provided that the boundaries of the portion of the lot placed under their charge should be subsequently approved by the City Council. In an order passed later in the year, the boundaries, through a misunderstanding, were not correctly stated. I therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying order setting forth the boundaries as agreed upon by the Law Department and the Surveying Division.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

Ordered, That the boundaries of the lot of land placed by an order approved November 29, 1899, under the charge of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, to be used for the erection thereon of a relief ambulance station, be fixed and approved as follows: Beginning at the corner of Canal street and Haymarket square, and thence running north-westerly by said Canal street 120 feet; thence turning and running north-easterly by other land of the City of Boston, by a line parallel with and 120 feet distant north-westerly from the north-westerly line of Haymarket square, as shown on the plan hereinafter mentioned, 61 $\frac{25}{100}$ feet, to the south-westerly side of the south-westerly wall of the "Subway Incline," as shown on said plan, and referred to in the vote of transfer by the Boston Transit Commission to the City of Boston, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 2560, page 183; thence turning and running south-easterly by said side of said wall 60 $\frac{37}{100}$ feet; thence turning and running north-easterly by the south-easterly side of the south-easterly wall of said "Subway Incline," 23 $\frac{6}{100}$ feet to Haymarket square; thence turning and running south-easterly by said Haymarket square, as shown on said plan, 59 $\frac{70}{100}$ feet; thence turning and

running south-westerly by the line of Hay-market square, shown as aforesaid, 81 $\frac{7}{10}$ feet, to the point of beginning, and containing about 8.507 square feet; together with the right to build upon said south-westerly Subway wall, and subject to all rights reserved in said vote of transfer. The described premises are shown on a plan signed by William Jackson, City Engineer, dated February 7, 1900, and deposited in the office of said City Engineer.

Ordered, That the order of the City Council, approved December 29, 1899, purporting to fix the boundaries of said lot of land, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded.

The communication was ordered sent down.

The order was passed and sent down.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, March 15, 1900, at 7.45 P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

The following messages from the Mayor were received:

Fire-engine House—Prison Point.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 14 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Fire Commissioner in reference to your request for an estimate of the cost of establishing a fire-engine company at Prison Point, Charlestown, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT,

Bristol Street, March 13, 1900.

HIS HONOR THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: Replying to the request from the Honorable Common Council for a report upon the advisability and probable cost of establishing a fire-engine and company in the vicinity of Prison Point, Charlestown, I beg to report that, in my opinion, the work done in that locality during the last week by the Department, as at present established, shows us thoroughly equipped for taking care of any fire likely to occur there; an engine-house and apparatus, independently of the land, would cost, I think, \$38,500, with an additional \$16,000 for maintenance during one year.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

The communication was assigned to the next meeting.

High Pressure Water Service—Ward 22.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 15 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Water Commissioner in reference to your

request that the high-pressure water service be furnished to that part of Ward 22 north of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad tracks is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

WATER DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, March 14, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: In reference to the accompanying order of the Common Council, passed March 8, 1900, requesting that high pressure water service be provided as soon as possible for that section of Ward 22 (north of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad) not as yet provided with the same, I would state that the work of extending the high service to certain portions of Jamaica Plain and Roxbury, which include the section referred to in the order, has already been entered upon, and will be completed on or about April 15.

Respectfully,

A. P. MARTIN, Water Commissioner.

Placed on file.

Deposits in Globe National Bank.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 15 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Board of Sinking-fund Commissioners, in answer to your order requesting information in regard to their deposits in the Globe National Bank at the time of its failure, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SINKING-FUNDS,

City Hall, March 15, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: In answer to the order of the Common Council of March 8, 1900, the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-funds would report that on the date of the failure of the Globe National Bank, December 22, 1899, there were on deposit belonging to the sinking-funds, \$150,463.33, and to the Water-works fund, \$150,692.39.

On December 18, 1899, the following vote was passed:

Voted, To transfer from the Globe National Bank the amount belonging to the Water-works fund to the Merchants' National Bank.

Respectfully,

J. H. O'NEIL, Chairman pro tempore,
Board of Commissioners of Sinking-funds.

Ordered printed, and assigned to the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Board of Aldermen, at its meeting on the nineteenth instant, voted to adjourn to meet on Monday, March 26, 1900, at 3 P.M.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved March 16, 1900:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to repay to George F. Hewett & Co. the sum of \$500, being the amount paid by them for a fifth-class liquor license which they were obliged to abandon through action of the Board of Police.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Azariah Smith the sum of \$422.57, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 4 Oakland street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2658, fol. 522.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved March 14, 1900:

Order authorizing the payment of allowances of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston in accordance with an annexed list, and authorizing the City Treasurer to pay said allowances until otherwise ordered, unless the person named shall previously become ineligible; said payments to be charged to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along 11 Varney street, Ward 23, in front of the estate of H. William Damm; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone; the owner to furnish said material.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to McNeil Brothers, to erect, maintain and use two guy-posts, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Hemenway street, Ward 10, about 200 feet from Boylston street, for use in building construction; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1900, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to George R. Dugad to erect, maintain, and use one guy-post, with the necessary ropes attached thereto, in and over Hunne-man street, Ward 19, opposite vacant lot between Nos. 58 and 66, for use in building construction; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1900, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to George R. Dugad to erect, maintain, and use one guy-post, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Fellows street, at or near No. 77, Ward 17, for use in building construction; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1900, according to the

terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

ORDERS PASSED—NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to appoint five citizens of Boston as a committee to confer with the management of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad and learn from them what they propose to do to develop the foreign commerce of this city in case they obtain a lease of the Boston and Albany Railroad.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to macadamize East Ninth street, Ward 15, between Dorchester and Mercer streets.

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be requested to provide in the first loan bill a sum sufficient for the construction of a new bath-house in place of the present one in Ward 18.

Ordered, That the Street Commissioners be requested to report at the next meeting of this Board why Bellevue avenue and Walworth street have not been accepted and laid out; also the expense of reconstruction of same.

Ordered, That the Park Commissioners be requested to report at the next meeting of this Board the number of teams, the names of owners, the amounts received for teams employed whose owners had no numbers in the park drawing, and why said teams were employed in direct violation of their so-called rules.

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested to furnish the Board of Aldermen the names of any employees of the Fire Department who, having been promoted during the past year and having performed the duties of their new positions, have not received the entire amount of the salaries connected with the same.

Ordered, That the Finance Committee be requested to provide a sum sufficient to asphalt Gove street, from Meridian street to Chelsea street, and Paris street, from Meridian street to the gymnasium, Ward 2.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to furnish this Board with an estimate of the cost of asphaltting Gove street, from Meridian street to Chelsea street, and Paris street, from Meridian street to the gymnasium.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

The following is taken from the annual report of the School Committee for 1899, being School Document 14:

Number of children in Boston between the ages of five and fifteen, September 1, 1899	86,505
Number reported as attending public schools	66,221
Number reported as attending private schools	13,515
Whole number of different pupils registered in the public schools during the year 1899:	
Boys	44,927
Girls	42,977
	87,904

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

LEGISLATIVE BILL.

The following bill concerning the City of Boston has been introduced in the Massachusetts Legislature, under suspension of the twelfth joint rule, and has been referred to the appropriate committee:

In the Senate.

Senate Bill, No. 136 accompanies the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston, that said city may be authorized to widen the solid structure of Malden bridge in tide water adjoining the same; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act relative to Malden Bridge.

Be it enacted etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston may lay out, widen and order the construction of so much of the causeway and other part of the highway between Malden bridge and the boundary line between said city and the City of Everett to such a width and for such distance as said Board may determine. Said laying out and construction shall be done under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1893, and acts in amendment or in addition thereto, and the other acts relating to the laying out and construction of highways in said city; but the expenses incurred therefor shall be paid from the loan of \$200,000 authorized in the year 1899 for widening and rebuilding Malden bridge, and no assessment shall be made for such laying out and construction.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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1. S. B. 6, an Act to incorporate the Boston and Brockton Electric Freight Company, p. 97.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 30. Feb. 13, 19, 20. Closed.	Mch. 9. S. (L.W.)							
2. S. B. 19, an Act to provide for the formation and disbursement of a public school teachers' retirement fund in the City of Boston, p. 49.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 18.	Feb. 2. Closed.	Feb. 28. S. (S.B.19)	Mch. 9.	Mch. 12.	Mch. 14. H.				
3. S. R. 21, a Resolve to confirm an act of the Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 50.	Cities. Jan. 10.	Jan. 19. Closed.	Jan. 19. S. (S.B. 21)	Jan. 22.	Jan. 23.	Jan. 25. H.	Jan. 26.	Jan. 29.	11. Jan. 31. S. Feb. 2.	App. Feb. 2.
4. S. B. 22, an Act to define the authority of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston as to the Chestnut Hill Reservoir Grounds, p. 50.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 19.	Jan. 31. Closed.								
5. S. B. 28, an Act to authorize the Old Colony Trust Company to hold real estate, p. 50.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 23.	Jan. 31. Closed.	Feb. 2. S. (S.B.114)	Feb. 5.	Feb. 6.	Feb. 8. H.	Feb. 9.	Feb. 12.	H. Feb. 14. S. Feb. 19.	App. Feb. 20.
6. S. B. 32, an Act to provide for the construction of sea-walls, piers and docks on certain lands at East Boston, owned by the Commonwealth, p. 50.	Harbors and Public Lands. Jan. 25.	Mch. 16, 23.								
7. S. B. 36, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness beyond its debt limit for the purpose of building and furnishing additional school-houses and taking land therefor, p. 65.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 29.	Feb. 23. Closed.								
8. S. B. 50, an Act relative to the Fire Department of the City of Boston, p. 65.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
9. S. B. 57, an Act to authorize the East Boston Dry Dock Company to extend its marine railway beyond the harbor line at East Boston, p. 65.	Harbors and Public Lands. Jan. 31.	Feb. 20. Closed.								
10. S. B. 63, an Act to provide for the construction of a portion of the State highway between the City of Boston and the City of Lynn, known as the North Shore road, p. 65.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 16. Closed.								
11. S. B. 71, an Act to establish the salary of the clerk of the Municipal Court of the Roxbury District of the City of Boston, p. 66.	Public Service. Jan. 31.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (S.B. 71)							
12. S. B. 72, an Act to establish the salary of the assistant clerk of the Municipal Court of the Roxbury District of the City of Boston, p. 66.	Public Service. Jan. 3.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. S. (S.B.72)							
13. S. B. 73, an Act relative to certain grade crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 66.	Railroads. Jan. 31.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 12. S. (S.B. 134)	Mch. 13.	Mch. 14. Am.	Mch. 16. H.				
14. S. B. 76, an Act to provide for the laying out and construction of Carleton street, in the City of Boston, p. 66.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 13. S. (S. B. 76)	Feb. 14.	Feb. 16.	Feb. 20. S.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 26. Am.	11. Mch. 5. S. Mch. 6.	App. Mch. 9.
15. S. B. 84, an Act relative to the power of the School Committee of the City of Boston, p. 97.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
16. S. B. 85, an Act relative to the Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 66.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 19. Closed.	Feb. 21. S. (L.W.)							
17. S. B. 86, an Act relative to the Assessors of the City of Boston, p. 98.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 19. Closed.	Feb. 21. S. (L.W.)							
18. S. B. 87, an Act relative to the presiding officers and clerks of the Common Council and of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, and to the City Clerk of said city, p. 66.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 19. Closed.	Feb. 21. S. (L.W.)							
19. S. B. 89, an Act to provide for primary elections in the City of Boston, p. 67.	Election Laws. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
20. S. B. 90, an Act relative to the nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 98.	Election Laws. Feb. 1.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L.W.)							
21. S. B. 103, an Act relative to the improvement of Stony Brook, in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
22. S. B. 110, an Act relative to the lease of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, p. 67.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Mch. 9. Closed.								
23. S. B. 115, an Act to establish a public market and public forum in the City of Boston, p. 67.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 20. Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 6. S. (L.W.)							
24. S. B. 117, an Act relative to the bequest of the late Charlotte Harris to the Charlestown Public Library, p. 98. (See also No. 40.)	Libraries. Feb. 14.	Mch. 19. Closed.								

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25. S. B. 136, an Act relative to Malden bridge, p. 179. IN THE HOUSE.	Metropolitan Affairs. Mch.									
26. H. B. 2, an Act to incorporate the City Trust Company, p. 98.	Banks and Banking. Jan. 10.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H.(H.B.2.)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 5.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.
27. H. B. 22, an Act to regulate the price of gas in the City of Boston, p. 37.	Manufactures. Jan. 10.	Feb. 16, 26, 28, Mch. 2, 7, 12, 14.	Feb. 1. H.(H.B.32)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 5.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.
28. H. B. 32, an Act to extend the time for filing petitions for the assessment of damages accruing from the alterations of the grade crossing of Dorchester avenue in the City of Boston and the Old Colony Railroad, p. 37.	Railroads. Jan. 10.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H.(H.B.32)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 5.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.
29. H. R. 33, a Resolve relative to the assumption of possession of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth, p. 37.	Railroads. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.								
30. H. B. 36, an Act to authorize the lease of the Boston and Albany Railroad to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, p. 37.	Railroads. Jan. 10.	Mch. 1, 21.								
31. H. B. 37, an Act relative to appeals in case of the taking of land as private property by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, and to confirm its takings of land as private property in the County of Suffolk, p. 37.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 23. Feb. 6, 8. Closed.								
32. H. B. 97, an Act relative to the establishment of gas and electric light plants by the City of Boston, p. 37.	Manufactures. Jan. 11.	Feb. 21, 23.								
33. H. R. 99, a Resolve relative to the purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth, p. 38.	Railroads. Jan. 11.	Jan. 24, 31. Closed.								
34. H. B. 114, an Act relative to the nomination of Mayor in the City of Boston and Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 38.	Election Laws. Jan. 12.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 28. H.(N.G.C.)							
35. H. B. 160, an Act to provide for the appointment of a Police Commissioner and a Board of Excise Commissioners for the City of Boston, p. 38.	Liquor Law. Jan. 15.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
36. H. B. 161, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside its debt limit to erect school-houses in Ward 22 in said city, p. 39.	Cities. Jan. 16. To Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 17.	Feb. 23, 26. Closed.								
37. H. B. 179, an Act relative to the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen in Boston, p. 39.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Jan. 25. Closed.	Jan. 25. H.(N.P.)							
38. H. B. 180, an Act relative to the President of the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 39.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Jan. 25. Closed.	Jan. 25. H.(N.P.)							
39. H. B. 192, an Act to incorporate the Boston Life Assurance Company, p. 40.	Insurance. Jan. 17.	Jan. 30. Closed.	Mch. 15. H.(H.B.1097)							
40. H. B. 198, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's and Chandler's ponds in the City of Boston and City of Newton, p. 51. (See also No. 75.)	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 17.	Jan. 26. Closed.	Mch. 7. H.(L.W.)							
41. H. B. 204, an Act to provide for the transfer of the Harris collection of the Charlestown Public Library to the Central Library of the City of Boston, p. 51. (See also No. 24.)	Judiciary (House). Jan. 18.	Jan. 30. Closed.	Mch. 20. H.(N.P.)							
42. H. R. 208, a Resolve in favor of submitting to a popular vote the question of State ownership of the Boston and Albany Railroad, p. 51.	Railroads. Jan. 19.	Feb. 9. Closed.								
43. H. B. 217, an Act to incorporate the Johnson Buildings, p. 51.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 18.	Jan. 31. Closed.	Feb. 5. H.(H.B.943)	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	Feb. 13. S.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 20.	H. Feb. 23. S. Feb. 28.	App. Mch. 2.
44. H. B. 224, an Act relative to subways and tunnels in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 18.	Jan. 30. Feb. 27. Closed.	Mch. 2. H.(L.W.)							
45. H. B. 260, an Act relative to granting liquor licenses in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Liquor Law. Jan. 22.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 26. H.(N.P.)							
46. H. B. 293, an Act relative to the Boston Fire Department, p. 51.	Cities. Jan. 23.	Feb. 12. Closed.	Mch. 15. H.(L.W.)							
47. H. B. 295, an Act relative to the registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Election Laws. Jan. 23.	Feb. 8. Closed.	Feb. 28. H.(L.W.)							
48. H. B. 296, an Act to define residence as a requisite for voting in the City of Boston, p. 52.										
49. H. B. 298, an Act to provide for a high-school building in the Charlestown District of the City of Boston, p. 52.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	Feb. 23. Closed.								

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50. H. R. 308, a Resolve to confirm the acts of Charles W. Whittier as a Justice of the Peace, p. 52.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 23.	Jan. 30. Closed.	Jan. 30. H (H.R.308)	Jan. 31.	Feb. 2.	Feb. 6. S.	Feb. 7.	Feb. 8.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.
51. H. B. 321, an Act in addition to an act to incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company in the City of Boston, p. 52.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 23.	Feb. 2. Closed.	Feb. 5. H (H.B.347)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7.	Feb. 9. S.	Feb. 12.	Feb. 13.	H. Feb. 15. S. Feb. 19.	App. Feb. 20.
52. H. B. 325, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Catherine C. Dodge, p. 52.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 26. Closed.	Mch. 15. S. (N. P.)							
53. H. B. 326, an Act relative to the Metropolitan Water Board, p. 52.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 24.	Jan. 31. Feb. 6. Closed.								
54. H. B. 337, an Act relative to the pensioning of war veterans who are members of the Fire Department of the City of Boston, p. 52.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 5. Closed.	Feb. 8. H. (L. W.)							
55. H. B. 343, an Act to provide for the construction of a hospital in East Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 24.	Feb. 6. Closed.	Feb. 16. H (H.B.999)	Feb. 19.	Feb. 23.	Feb. 27. S.	Mch. 1. Rej.			
56. H. B. 355, an Act to incorporate the Marine Park Tower Company, p. 53.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 24.	Feb. 9, 13. Closed.								
57. H. B. 370, an Act to authorize the Lexington and Boston Street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property, p. 53.	Street Railways. Jan. 30.	Mch. 6.								
58. H. B. 371, an Act to authorize the Fitchburg Railroad Company to take lands in Boston for freight purposes, p. 53.	Railroads. Jan. 25.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
59. H. B. 375, an Act relative to the improvement of Stony Brook in the City of Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 25.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
60. H. B. 386, an Act to regulate the price of gas in that portion of the City of Boston known as East Boston, p. 53.	Manufactures. Jan. 25.	Feb. 16, 26, 28. Mch. 2, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21.								
61. H. B. 397, an Act to authorize and direct the Metropolitan Park Commission to acquire Fuller's wharf, in Brighton, as a part of the Charles-river reservation, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 25.	Feb. 6. Closed.	Feb. 14. H (H.B.397)							
62. H. B. 411, an Act relative to the fares charged by any street railway operating in the City of Boston, p. 68.	Street Railways. Jan. 26.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 9. H. (L. W.)							
63. H. R. 417, Resolutions relative to an appropriation by the Congress of the United States for the improvement of Boston Harbor, p. 68.	Federal Relations. Jan. 29.	Feb. 2. Closed.	Feb. 2. H (H.R.417)		Feb. 6. Ad.	Feb. 8. S.		Feb. 9. Ad.		
64. H. B. 420, an Act to regulate the price of gas in the City of Boston, p. 68.	Manufactures. Jan. 29.	Feb. 16, 26, 28. Mch. 2, 7, 14, 19, 21.								
65. H. B. 434, an Act to further define the duties of Boards of Registrars of Voters in all the cities of the Commonwealth, p. 68.	Election Laws. Jan. 29.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 7. H. (L. W.)							
66. H. B. 435, an Act to extend the time for building the Boston, Quincy and Fall River Bicycle Railway, p. 68.	Street Railways. Jan. 29.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Feb. 26. H (H.B.435)	Mch. 1.	Mch. 2.	Mch. 6. S.	Mch. 7.	Mch. 9.	H. Mch. 13. S. Mch. 15.	App. Mch. 16.
67. H. B. 441, an Act to require the Metropolitan Park Commission to rebuild the bridge over the Neponset river, between Blue Hills parkway in the Town of Milton and Mattapan square in the City of Boston, p. 69.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 29.	Feb. 6. Closed.								
68. H. B. 448, an Act in favor of Anna W. Wason, p. 69.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 16. Closed.	Mch. 16. H (H B 1103)	Mch. 19.	Mch. 20.					
69. H. B. 449, an Act to provide rooms in the City of Boston in which to hold the Probate Court of Norfolk County in certain cases, p. 69.	Counties. Jan. 29.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (H.B.)							
70. H. B. 478, an Act to exempt the estate No. 13 Compton street in the City of Boston from the operation of the building laws, p. 69.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 9. Closed.								
71. H. B. 495, an Act to regulate the distribution of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 69.	Liquor Law. Jan. 30.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 26. H. (L. W.)							
72. H. B. 499, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside of its debt limit to erect a municipal building in South Boston, p. 70.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13. Closed.								
73. H. B. 515, an Act to extend the time for filing petitions for the assessment of damages accruing from the location and construction of railroads under the provisions of the Act to provide for a South Union station, p. 70.	Railroads. Jan. 30.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 19. H. (L. W.)							
74. H. B. 516, an act relative to the Boston and Suburban Express Company, p. 70.	Street Railways. Jan. 30.	Mch. 9.								

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75. H. B. 528, an Act to revise the charter of the City of Boston, p. 70.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.									
76. H. B. 537, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's and Chandler's ponds by the Metropolitan Park Commission, p. 71. (See also No. 39.)	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 13. Closed.	Mch. 13. H.(N.G.C.)							
77. H. B. 540, an Act relative to the disposition of fees for the solemnization of marriages received by the City Registrar or Assistant City Registrar of the City of Boston, p. 71.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 31.	Feb. 26. Closed.								
78. H. R. 545, a Resolve relative to the building known as the Westminster Chambers in the City of Boston, p. 71. (See also No. 80.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 6. Closed.								
79. H. B. 551, an Act to promote the location and construction of freight tracks on the Commonwealth flats in South Boston, p. 71.	Harbors and Public Lands. Jan. 31.	Feb. 20, 26. Mch. 2, 9. Closed.								
80. H. B. 561, an Act to rebuild the Broadway bridge in the City of Boston, p. 71.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 13. Closed.								
81. H. B. 567, an Act relative to the building at the corner of St. James avenue and Trinity place in the City of Boston, p. 71. (See also No. 77.)	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 6. Closed.								
82. H. B. 568, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of William J. Ryan, p. 71.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 26. Closed.								
83. H. B. 576, an Act to authorize the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company to establish a guaranty capital, p. 71.	Insurance. Jan. 31.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Mch. 16. H.(H.B.1105)	Mch. 19.						
84. H. B. 579, an Act relative to the hiring of laborers by the City of Boston, p. 72.	Labor. Jan. 31.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
85. H. B. 587, an Act to provide for the construction of the esplanade on Charles river, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 14. Closed.	Feb. 19. H.(L.W.)							
86. H. B. 598, an Act relative to the appointment of pilots and Pilot Commissioners for Boston harbor, p. 72.	Judiciary (House) Jan. 31.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 20. H.(L.W.)							
87. H. B. 600, an Act relative to the appointment of court officers in the municipal courts in the County of Suffolk, p. 99.	Judiciary (House) Jan. 31.	Mch. 1. Closed.								
88. H. B. 606, an Act to provide for additional subways in the City of Boston, p. 72.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 27. Mch. 12, 22.								
89. H. R. 608, a Resolve to confirm the acts of James E. Leach as a Justice of Peace, p. 73.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 31.	Feb. 19. Closed.	Feb. 19. H.(H.R.608)	Feb. 20.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 26. S.	Feb. 27.	Feb. 28.	H. Mch. 2. S. Mch. 6.	App. Mch. 7.
90. H. B. 621, an Act relative to expenses of medical examiners and other county officers, p. 73.	Counties. Feb. 1.	Mch. 2. Closed.								
91. H. B. 622, an Act relative to caucuses in the City of Boston, p. 73.	Election Laws. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
92. H. B. 631, an Act relative to the pensioning of war veterans who are members of the police force of the City of Boston, p. 74.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 8. H.(N.P.)							
93. H. B. 638, an Act relative to parkways in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
94. H. B. 639, an Act to direct the Boston Transit Commission to widen Pleasant street in the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15, 27. Mch. 12, 22.								
95. H. B. 640, an Act to provide for establishing a playground to meet the wants of Wards 15 and 16 of the City of Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
96. H. B. 654, an Act relative to the advertising of legal notices in the County of Suffolk and City of Boston, p. 74.	Judiciary (House) Feb. 1.	Mch. 1. Closed.	Mch. 20. H.(L.W.)							
97. H. B. 660, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside the debt limit for the purpose of completing its public parks, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
98. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the crossings of railroads and public ways in East Boston, p. 74.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Mch. 9, 19, 27.								
99. H. B. 676, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to establish and maintain an industrial school, p. 99.	Cities. Feb. 1. To Education. Feb. 7.	Feb. 23, 28. Closed.	Mch. 8. H.(H.B.676)	Mch. 9.	Mch. 12.	Mch. 14. S.	Mch. 15.	Mch. 16.	H. Mch. 20. S.	

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100. H. B. 678, an Act relative to the School Committee of the City of Boston, p. 83.	Education. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21, 27. Closed.								
101. H. B. 679, an Act to establish a School-house Department in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Education. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21, 27. Closed.								
102. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the number of liquor licenses which may be issued by cities and towns, p. 99.	Liquor Law. Feb. 1.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (L. W.)							
103. H. B. 688, an Act to provide for the creation and disbursement of a public school janitor's retirement fund in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Mch. 19. H. (L. W.)							
104. H. B. 689, an Act to incorporate the South Bay Wharf and Warehouse Company, p. 84.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 7. Closed.								
105. H. B. 690, an Act to provide for the construction of additional subways in the City of Boston, p. 84.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 27. Closed.	Mch. 12. H. (L. W.)							
106. H. B. 691, an Act to regulate the erection and maintenance of school buildings in the City of Boston, p. 140.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 23, 26. Closed.	Mch. 19. H. (L. W.)							
107. H. B. 693, an Act relative to the parks, parkways and boulevards of the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 6. H. (L. W.)							
108. H. B. 694, an Act relative to streets and lands in the neighborhood of parks, parkways and boulevards in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 6. H. (L. W.)							
109. H. B. 713, an Act to abolish fees for dog licenses in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Probate and Insolvency. Feb. 1.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H. (H. B. 713)	Feb. 21.	Feb. 23.	Mch. 1. S.	Mch. 15. Rej.			
110. H. B. 723, an Act relative to Back street in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 1. To Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 8.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 5. H. (H. B. 723)	Mch. 6.	Mch. 8.	Mch. 12. S.	Mch. 13.	Mch. 15.	II. Mch. 19. S. Mch. 20.	
111. H. B. 726, an Act for the purchase by the Commonwealth of the road, franchise, property, rights and privileges of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, p. 85.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 27. Mch. 20, 21.								
112. H. B. 729, an Act to enlarge the Board of Railroad Commissioners and to purchase the Boston and Albany Railroad, p. 85.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Mch. 20, 21.								
113. H. B. 740, an Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 353 of the Acts of 1892, relative to pensioning members of the Police Department of the City of Boston, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	Mch. 8. H. (N. P.)							
114. H. B. 746, an Act to provide fenders on certain conveyances operating in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. Mch. 6, 13. Closed.	Mch. 15. H. (N. P.)							
115. H. B. 748, an Act relative to the election of aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
116. H. B. 752, an Act relative to the appointment of constables in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 6. H. (L. W.)							
117. H. B. 756, an Act relative to the appointment of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Mch. 5. H. (N. P.)							
118. H. B. 758, an Act to provide for the care and support of the insane by the Commonwealth, p. 86.	Public Charitable Institutions. Feb. 2.									
119. H. B. 772, an Act relative to the construction of tenement-houses in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Mch. 1, 9, 13. Closed.								
120. H. B. 775, an Act relative to registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 87.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (L. W.)							
121. H. B. 776, an Act relative to names upon the voting lists of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (L. W.)							
122. H. B. 784, an Act to incorporate the First Motor Vehicle Company, p. 88.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13, 14. Closed.								
123. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston to lay out and construct a bicycle path across the Common, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L. W.)							
124. H. B. 788, an Act relative to the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Mch. 7.	Mch. 7. H. (N. G. C.)							
125. H. B. 789, an Act relative to the system of playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 16. Closed.								

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126. H. B. 796, an Act relative to pensioning medical examiners of the County of Suffolk, p. 88.	Public Health. Feb. 2. To Public Service.	Mch. 9. Closed.	Mch. 9. S. (L.W.)							
127. H. B. 802, an Act to limit all steam railroads to a five-cent fare within the limits of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	Mch. 2. Closed.								
128. H. B. 804, an Act to authorize persons qualified to vote for Governor to vote at the next State election on the question of the purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth, p. 100.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	Mch. 6. Closed.								
129. H. B. 825, an Act relating to the Probate and Insolvency Court for the County of Suffolk, p. 100.	Public Service. Feb. 2.	Mch. 8. Closed.								
130. H. B. 830, an Act relative to the appointment of inspectors of milk for the City of Boston, p. 100.	Agriculture. Feb. 5.	Mch. 7. Closed.	Mch. 14. H. (N. P.)							
131. H. B. 832, an Act relative to the opening of streets in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2, 12. Closed.	Mch. 14. H. (N. P.)							
132. H. B. 844, an Act relative to membership of Metropolitan commissions, p. 100.	Public Service. Feb. 5.	Feb. 20. Mch. 8. Closed.								
133. H. B. 845, an Act to provide for minority representation on the Metropolitan commissions, p. 101.	Public Service. Feb. 15.	Feb. 20. Mch. 8. Closed.								
134. H. B. 848, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.								
135. H. B. 851, an Act relative to extension of system of the Boston Elevated Railway Company in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Street Railways. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 5. H. (N. P.)							
136. H. B. 866, an Act relative to the limitation of height of second class buildings in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 9, 13. Closed.								
137. H. B. 867, an Act relative to the construction of cellars in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 9, 13. Closed.								
138. H. B. 876, an Act to regulate the election of caucus officers in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Election Laws. Feb. 5.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 15. H. (L.W.)							
139. H. B. 879, an Act relative to pilots on tugboats engaged in towing vessels bound to or from certain ports within the limits of Boston harbor, p. 101.	Harbors and Public Lands. Feb. 5.	Feb. 28. Mch. 8, 13, 20. Closed.								
140. H. B. 882, an Act to provide for the appointment of a Board of Excise for the City of Boston, p. 101.	Liquor Law. Feb. 5.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
141. H. B. 883, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to take additional land for the purpose of caring for the insane, p. 102.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.								
142. H. B. 893, an Act to regulate the price of gas in that part of the City of Boston known as Charlestown, p. 102.	Manufactures. Feb. 5.	Feb. 16, 26, 28. Mch. 2, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21. Closed.								
143. H. B. 914, an Act to exempt the City of Boston from the provisions of the civil service laws, p. 102.	Public Service. Feb. 5.	Mch. 13, 20, 22.								
144. H. B. 919, an Act to regulate railroad fares in the suburban district of Boston, p. 102.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.								
145. H. B. 920, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban district of Boston, p. 102.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.								
146. H. B. 924, an Act to provide for a Greater Boston by permitting towns and cities adjoining to be annexed by concurrent vote, p. 120.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 5.	Mch. 7. Closed.								
147. H. B. 927, an Act relative to the rate of taxation and indebtedness of the City of Boston, p. 121.	Taxation and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2, 15, 19.								
148. H. B. 939, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to license business brokers, p. 121.	Judiciary (House). Feb. 5.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
149. H. B. 942, an Act to provide for a Board of Elections for the City of Boston, p. 103.	Election Laws. Feb. 5.	Feb. 28.	Feb. 28. H. (L.W.)							
150. H. B. 974, an Act relative to pensioning of members of the police force of the City of Boston, p. 121.	Cities. Feb. 9.	Mch. 8. Closed.								

H., signifies House; S., Senate; B., Bill; R., Resolve; (N. P.), Ought not to Pass; (L. W.), Leave to Withdraw; N. G. C., Next General Court; Rej., Rejected; Am., Amended; App., Approved; Ad., Adopted.

Award of Contract.

Water Department.

Proposals for transporting to or from the pipe-yard of the Water Department on Albany street and points within the limits of the City of Boston or Town of Brookline, pipe, special castings, hydrants, wood, tools, etc., as may be required during the year ending March 15, 1901, were opened at the office of the Water Commissioner on March 6, as follows:

BIDDERS.	BIDS.	
	Per ton of 2,240 pounds.	
	Short Haul (So-called).	Long Haul (So-called).
Owen Nawn & Co. . .	\$0 38	\$0 80
William H. Jackson .	43	84
Charles Duncan . . .	62½	1 24

The contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, Owen Nawn & Co.

A. P. MARTIN, Water Commissioner.

DEATH OF EX-POLICE CAPTAIN BATES.

Mr. Joseph H. Bates, a retired captain of the Boston police force, shot himself at Wood Island Park, East Boston, Thursday, March 15, 1900. An unbalanced mind was the cause of the act.

Captain Bates was one of the best known police officers of the city. He was a native of Boston, and was seventy-three years of age. His first connection with the police force of the city dates from 1861, when he was appointed a patrolman. Police officers at that time were appointed annually, and Mr. Bates served as a patrolman only until 1863. In April, 1867, he was again appointed on the police force of the city as a patrolman. He was made a sergeant in 1871, a lieutenant in 1877, and a captain in 1880.

In August, 1890, Captain Bates was placed on the retired list, having served continuously for twenty-three years.

DEATH OF PATROLMAN THACHER.

The death of Patrolman Enoch R. Thacher, of Division 7, occurred suddenly at his home, 284 Meridian street, East Boston, on Sunday, March 18, 1900.

Mr. Thacher was born at Newbury, Vt. in December, 1837. He was appointed a patrolman on the police force of Boston in 1864. His entire service in the Department was in connection with Station 7.

EXAMINATION OF FRANKLIN FUND ACCOUNTS.

At the meeting of the Board of Aldermen, on Monday, March 19, 1900, Alderman Day submitted the following report, which was accepted and ordered printed as a city document:

The special committee appointed to examine the accounts of John M. Galvin, Treasurer of the Franklin Fund, have attended to that duty, and report that they find that the said accounts have been correctly kept and the securities are in proper condition.

Amount of fund January 1, 1899, \$124,631 36
Interest on deposits in
Suffolk Savings
Bank October 1,
1899 \$35 87
Interest on policies in
Massachusetts Hos-
pital Life Company:
No. A 2 4,798 69
No. A 3 142 74
4,977 30
Total \$129,608 66

INVESTMENT.

Policies in Massachu-
setts Hospital Life
Company:
No. A 2 \$124,766 01
No. A 3 3,711 16
\$128,477 17
In Suffolk Savings Bank 1,130 99
Cash with Treasurer 50
Total \$129,608 66

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK W. DAY,
E. PEABODY GERRY.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that an examination for the position of field assistant will be held in this and other cities in the United States on April 17, 1900.

The age limit is twenty years or over.

From the eligibles resulting from the examination an appointment will be made to the position of field assistant, division of forestry, Department of Agriculture, at a salary of \$1,000 per annum.

Application forms for this examination may be obtained from E. E. Stebbins, Secretary, Board of Examiners, Room 141 Post Office building, Boston Mass.

The Commission further announces an examination for the position of mechanic, (worker in wood, metal and leather).

No scholastic test will be given, but applicants will be graded on the elements of age, character as a workman, experience, and physical qualifications, as shown by the answers made to the questions in their applications.

It will not be necessary for applicants to appear at any place for examination.

As a result of this examination an appointment will be made to the position of mechanic in the office of the chief of ordnance, at a salary of \$3 per diem.

Application form for this examination, No. 1093, can only be obtained by addressing the Commission at Washington, D.C.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending March 17, 1900, are as follows:

Death rate for the week 32.0
Death rate for corresponding week, 1899, 18.7
Number of deaths:
Males 157
Females 184

Total 341
Total deaths in corresponding week,
1899 195

Increase 146

Of the 341 decedents, 330 were white and 11 colored; 215 were born in the United States, 123 in foreign countries and the birthplace of 3 was unknown; 68 were of American parentage, 231 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 42 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	93	12
Scarlatina	34	7
Typhoid fever	7	4
Measles	61	4
Totals	195	27

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	34
Pneumonia	97
Whooping cough	3
Heart disease	23
Bronchitis	18
Marasmus	7
Violent causes	11

Total from principal causes	193
Total from infectious diseases	27
Total from other causes	121

Total from all causes	341
Deaths of children under 1 year	52
Deaths of children under 5 years	96
Deaths of persons over 60 years	89
Deaths in public institutions	90

There were 21 deaths due to La Grippe during the week; 13 complicated and 8 uncomplicated.

SUSPENSION OF WIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES.

The following-named employees of the Wire Department were suspended from duty, taking effect at 5 P.M. on March 15: Peter F. Dolan, Thomas C. Harrington, Daniel A. Finnegan, Timothy Holland and Patrick J. Larkin.

THOMAS W. FLOOD,
Commissioner of Wires.

SPECIAL ELECTION—WARD 8.

The special election on March 19, 1900, for Representative to the General Court from the Eighth District, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Edward J. Donovan, who was elected on February 12 City Clerk of Boston, resulted as follows:

PRECINCTS.	Samuel Goodman, Dem. Citizens.	* Joseph P. Lomasney, Democratic.	John W. Sherman, Dem. Social.
1	67	285	29
2	24	166	13
3	4	35	8
4	46	215	13
5	78	239	31
6	38	278	4
Totals	257	1,218	98

* Elected.

Registered voters, 3,832; votes cast, 1,573; proportion of men registered who voted, 41.05 per cent.

TIMOTHY F. McDONOUGH,
GEORGE P. SANGER,
P. J. KENNEDY,
Board of Election Commissioners.

The United States Senate Committee on Commerce has submitted a favorable report on the proposition to construct the new West Boston bridge across the Charles river without a draw.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The School Committee of the City of Boston will receive proposals for furnishing and doing the cabinet work for the East Boston High School, and for furnishing a bond in the sum of \$2,000 for faithfully doing the work.

The office copy of the contract, plans and specifications may be seen at the office of John Lyman Faxon, 7 Exchange place, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form of proposal to be obtained at said office, fill out and sign the proposal and leave at the office of the Secretary of the School Committee, Mason street, in said city, before 4.30 P.M. of March 26, 1900, with a certified check for \$500, payable to the City of Boston, which is to be the property of the City of Boston if the bidder fails to carry out his proposals.

The proposals of bidders who conform to the above directions, and no other, will, at said hour and place, be publicly opened and read; and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals he deems best for the city.

The bid and check should be enclosed in an envelope, endorsed "Proposal for Cabinet Work, East Boston High School."

WILLIAM F. MERRITT,

Chairman of the Committee on New Buildings of the School Committee of the City of Boston.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, Mass., January 19, 1900.

GENTLEMEN: Your petitioners, being a majority of the Directors of the Newton and West Roxbury Street Railway Company, respectfully represent that they have completed the preliminary organization of said company and have published their Articles of Association with all their stockholders in the manner required by law, and have otherwise so complied with the statutes of this Commonwealth as to be in a legal position to apply for a location.

Your petitioners pray for the following locations in the City of Boston, viz.:

Commencing at the boundary line between Boston and the City of Newton on Baker street and extending thence through Baker street to Mt. Vernon street, and thence through Mt. Vernon street to LaGrange street, thence through LaGrange street to its intersection with Centre street, its terminus; or by such other streets or ways as your Board may determine with the necessary turn-outs.

Your petitioners pray that they may have leave to build and operate a railway along said line by the overhead or trolley system of electric power and to that end that they may have leave to erect the necessary poles for the support of an overhead trolley system.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE B. PARKER,
ARTHUR R. DINN,
JOHN A. ROONEY,
RUSSELL A. SEARS,
THOMAS F. CAREY,

Majority of the Directors of the Newton and West Roxbury Street Railway Company.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 12, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will on Monday, the second day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Jamaica Plain News and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 19, 1900.

The undersigned request permission to project from building Nos. 168, 170, 172, 174 Massachusetts avenue, Ward 10, one bay-window of the following description: To project from third story, over Massachusetts avenue. Dimensions: Sixteen feet high, thirteen and one-half feet wide, and two feet and ten inches over line of street, including cornice.

RHODES BROTHERS.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 19, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the second day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person, objecting thereto, may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon, in the Boston Herald and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

March 10, 1900.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. A plan of locations granted is filed, dated September 8, 1899.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Bakersfield street, five poles, between Mayfield street and Stoughton street, Ward 20, Dorchester.

Cambridge street, two poles, near Main street and Rutherford avenue, Ward 4.

Alford street, three poles, near Main street, Ward 4.

South street, one pole, between Ashbury place and Boynton street, Ward 23.

Townsend street, one pole, near Hazelwood street, Ward 21.

Also to remove pole from Townsend street near Hazelwood street, Ward 21.

South street, between Asbury place and Boynton street, Ward 23.

Cambridge street, near Main street and Rutherford avenue, Ward 4.

Alford street, near Main street, Ward 4.

Main street, corner of Alford street, Ward 4.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 19, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of March, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 19, 1900.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 7 Cooper street, Ward 6, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second, third and fourth stories over Cooper street. Dimensions: Thirty-two feet high, twelve feet six inches wide, and three feet over line of street.

ARRON WHITE, 108 Salem Street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 19, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the second day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person, objecting thereto, may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Boston Herald and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.



THE CITY RECORD.

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EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY.

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

DEATH OF MR. FRANCIS M. HUGHES.

Mr. Francis M. Hughes, a former member of the Common Council and Massachusetts Legislature, died at his home, 164 F street, Monday morning, March 26, 1900.

Mr. Hughes was a native of Boston and was fifty-five years of age. At the breaking out of the Civil War he enlisted in the navy, in which he served three years. In 1872 and 1873 Mr. Hughes was a member of the Common Council from old Ward 5, and during 1874 and 1875 he represented his district in the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

DEATH OF FORMER COUNCILMAN WESTON.

The death of Mr. Joshua Weston, a former member of the Common Council of Boston, occurred at his home in Duxbury on Sunday, March 25, 1900.

Mr. Weston was eighty-one years of age, and for many years was engaged in business on Commercial street as a ship ealker. In 1868, 1872, 1873 and 1874 he was a member of the Common Council of Boston from Ward 1.

ANNUAL REPORT OF OVERSEEING OF THE POOR DEPARTMENT.

The thirty-sixth annual report of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, constituting Document 26—1900, has been submitted to Mayor Hart. The report covers the year ending January 31, 1900, and may be summarized as follows:

The expenses of the Department for the year were as follows:

Drafts upon the city treasury	
amounted to	\$129,381 62
Sundry receipts paid over to City	
Collector	16,569 97

Net charge to the city for the Department for the year \$112,811 65

The amount collected by the Department for care in City Hospital of State paupers and those belonging elsewhere than in Boston, and paid over to the Trustees of the City Hospital, was \$46,828.09.

The number of families assisted during the year was 2,863 (representing about 8,589 persons) a decrease of 531 families from the previous year. Of these, 365 families resided in other cities and towns, but had retained their settlement in this city. Payment was received for aid rendered to 211 families residing in Boston whose legal settlement was elsewhere.

The number of new cases aided during the year was 552, a decrease of 290 from the year previous. The total number of cases dealt with since 1864, the date of organization of the Department, is 35,258.

The number of official visits made by the Department visitors during the year was 18,942.

The largest number of families aided in any one month of the year was 1,643 in February, the smallest number aided being 971 in August. The monthly average of families aided for the year was 1,201, as against 1,324 in 1899.

The total number of individuals cared for at the Wayfarers' Lodge was 7,237. As the whole number of lodgers was 12,543, it is evident that 5,306 individuals were housed more than one night; that is to say, about 58 per cent. sought shelter but once.

More than one-half of the lodgers were American born. Of the foreign born, the Irish outnumber those from all other

countries combined, which is natural considering their proportion to the foreign born population of the State.

With comparatively few exceptions the lodgers come from neighboring cities and towns. Apparently by far the greater number reach Boston in honest search of employment.

Sixty-three per cent. were under 40 years of age, the largest percentage for any single age period being for that of 25 to 29. This comparative youthfulness of the majority points strongly to the fact, which is corroborated by other evidence, that few of them can justly be suspected of pronounced vagrancy.

As might be expected, the unskilled workmen among the lodgers outnumber those who have a definite occupation requiring some training and skill, but by no means in the generally accepted proportion. Having excluded all the occupations in which anyone may engage without special training for it, we still find that more than 39 per cent. of the persons in question are to be classed as skilled workmen; that is, as having a definite trade.

The Board has continued to demand work of all able-bodied male applicants in return for groceries and coal furnished their families.

The number of men who worked for aid given in 1899 was 393; the number of days' work actually performed amounted to 2,937, while the number of men receiving work-cards, who did not present them for work, was 74.

The number of women admitted to the Temporary Home during the year was 730, as against 980 in 1899. Of the total number of women admitted, 368 had come to the Home for the first time, while 362 had been admitted previous to 1899. The Industrial Aid Society secured 77 places for women at domestic services, and 115 places were secured by the Home.

The number of children admitted to the Home during 1899 was 644, of whom 222 came with mothers.

Outside relief was furnished by the Temporary Home, as follows: 1024 meals given to 493 women (149 of whom had been inmates) and to 97 children.

At the request of the authorities in charge of the preparation of exhibits for the Paris Exposition, there have been furnished full tabulated details of the work of the Department accompanied by suitable photographs of both the outside and inside of the Charity building, the Temporary Home for Women and Children and the Wayfarers' Lodge and Wood-yard.

Appropriate mention is made of the death of Dr. Isaac T. Campbell, who for twenty-six

years was a member of the Board of Overseers of the Poor.

The total amount of the trust funds in charge of the Board as a corporation is now \$725,226.72.

The number of beneficiaries now aided from the Pemberton, the Boylston Relief, the David Sears Charity, the Moses Hunt and the Goodnow funds is 264, seventeen less than on February 1, 1899. During the year thirty have died, five have gone into homes for aged women, three have withdrawn, one has gone to an asylum for the insane, and in five cases the pensions which were being given were stopped. Twenty-seven new names have been added.

There has been paid during the year from the Boylston Educational Fund the sum of \$6,267.45 for the board of children, conformably to the terms of that trust.

The following table shows the number of families aided and the amount of aid given by districts:

DISTRICTS.	Number of Families aided.	Amount of Aid given.
East Boston	127	\$2,514 88
Charlestown	352	7,200 23
City Proper	823	19,819 30
South Boston	379	9,607 02
Roxbury	606	19,717 81
Dorchester	61	2,627 18
West Roxbury	69	3,108 79
Brighton	64	1,965 96
Living out of city but aided from this office	17	838 68
Living out of city and aided through officers of other cities and towns	365	11,492 26
Totals	2,863	\$78,892 11

To the sum of \$78,892.11, given directly to the poor, should be added the sum of \$2,981.81, paid for burials, the sum of \$5,372.71 paid for support of the Temporary Home, and the further sum of \$9,196.16 paid for support of the Lodge for Wayfarers, making a total of \$96,442.79 actually paid out by the Overseers of the Poor from the tax levy for the direct relief of the poor. There has also been disbursed the further sum of \$28,043.93 to the various pensioners and beneficiaries adjudged worthy and falling within the provisions of the trusts.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAUPER INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

The following extracts are taken from the annual report of the Pauper Institutions Trustees, for the year ending January 31, 1900, which has been printed as Document 28 — 1900:

The entire amount expended by this Department during the year was \$178,430.45.

Of this amount, \$97,497.09 was on account of the Almshouse and Hospital at Long Island, \$13,924.30 on account of the Almshouse for Women and Aged Couples at Charlestown, \$3,487.50 on account of office expense, \$653.56 for support of paupers in institutions outside of the City of Boston, \$5,500 on account of the steamer "John Howard," \$699.42 on account of the Randidge excursions and Municipal Camp for boys, \$4,000 for telephone cable, \$4,563.04 on account of salt-water fire-system, and \$48,105.54 on account of construction of buildings.

The amount collected during the year for board of inmates and sale of old materials was \$2,850.42 on account of Almshouse and Hospital at Long Island, and \$521.08 on account of Almshouse at Charlestown.

The cost per week of maintaining each inmate at Long Island was \$2.77, being an increase of 21 cents per week over last year.

The cost per week of maintaining each inmate at the Charlestown Almshouse was \$2.71, being an increase of 21 cents per week over last year.

The increase in per capita cost in both Almshouses is accounted for by the increased cost of supplies during the past year, and by the decrease in population. Most of the items of expense for maintenance are changed very little by a slight increase or decrease in population; consequently, the per capita cost will always be increased by a reduction in population and lessened by an increase in population.

The average daily population in the Boston Almshouses during the past year was 753, which is 60 less than the year previous; this being the lowest point reached in twelve years.

In the growth of large cities we expect to see a pro-rata increase in the dependent classes occupying our public institutions; and, according to the growth of Boston during the past twelve years, since 1888, we should have a natural increase in almshouse population of 241. Instead of this increase we have a reduction of 195. Adding together the reduction in population, 195, and what would have been the natural increase in almshouse population, 241, we have a real reduction of 436 for the twelve years, 1888-99, inclusive.

While there may have been various causes that have contributed to this decrease, the principal reason for it is undoubtedly improved methods of administration, and the more complete separation of the pauper, criminal and insane classes, which was begun under a former administration.

An increased expenditure for maintaining the Almshouse and Hospital at Long Island is very much needed, so we are asking each year for a larger appropriation. Connected

with this institution is a hospital that was intended and is used for the chronic and incurable cases of the City of Boston. This hospital had an average daily population during the year of 229. It is the only one of its kind maintained by the City of Boston, and its standard should be raised to compare favorably with other hospitals of the same character. A separate appropriation should be granted for it, and kept distinct from the almshouse.

We have asked for a special appropriation of \$35,000 with which to build an isolated wing to the hospital for phthisical and specific contagious cases, to contain eight small wards of ten beds each.

The time has arrived when we are compelled to ask for an appropriation of \$22,200 to build and equip a nurses' home.

Since May, one of the two cottages has been occupied by the night nurses, under the charge of the night superintendent of nurses. This gives them opportunity for sounder sleep and fuller rest during the day than is possible in the Hospital itself, and is one step toward the nurses' home.

It is a generally accepted fact that, when possible, nurses should be housed apart from the hospital, not only in the interest of their own health, but also in the interest of good nursing.

The training school is an important part of the hospital administration. The first class of nurses who have taken the present two-year course graduated on the twelfth of June. The school affords certain special advantages which should be recognized.

Contracts were made during the year for a power-house at Long Island. The appropriation is \$70,000, and we have made contracts for work up to this amount. Our original request for a loan for this building was \$94,800. Having received but \$70,000, we have been obliged to omit one wing of the building and a considerable part of the equipment that we consider necessary for an efficient power plant. We can do without the additional wing for a time, but we earnestly request that the Department be provided with the funds necessary to equip the new power-house as originally planned. We need \$10,080 for this purpose. When the new plant is in full operation we shall have greatly improved conditions in our heating, lighting, and ventilation, also in our laundry and bakery, as we have planned to install these in the new power building. We shall also have protection against fire that we never had before. We would recommend that a liberal appropriation be made soon, to enable us to put the buildings in good condition, and thus check the rapid deterioration that has been going on ever since the buildings were erected. The exposed situation of our buildings on an island subjects them to unusual damage by storms, and we are put to large expense each year for repairs.

During the storm of February 13, 1899, the telephone cable from Deer Island to Long Island was broken by a ship's anchor. It was found impracticable to lay a new cable in the old location, and it was decided to lay the new one from Moon Island to Long Island, where it would not be in the course of the ships passing in and out of the

harbor. An appropriation of \$4,000 was granted for this purpose.

On October 2 the steamer "John Howard" was transferred from the Penal Institutions Department to this Department. It seemed advisable to do this, as Long Island requires more service from the boat than the other departments that have institutions in the harbor. The transportation of inmates and supplies to Long Island is by the steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee."

At present coal is stored without any covering on an open wharf, known as the back wharf. The coal blows or washes away, and as the wharf is situated at a distance from the buildings on the island, small boats, in passing, have free opportunity to help themselves. This wharf is badly out of repair, and we need \$4,500 to put it in safe condition, and to build a covered coalshed for the protection of our coal supply.

Our front wharf should be extended farther out into the harbor, in order to afford a safe landing for the city boats at all tides.

The facilities at Long Island for gathering ice have, up to the present time, been insufficient for the needs of the Institution.

During this year we have extended the water main to a low piece of land, and have under construction an ice pond that will afford us an area sufficient to get all the ice for our needs at one cutting, and thus do away with the necessity of buying ice for a part of the year.

The plumbing throughout the Charlestown Almshouse has been thoroughly overhauled during the year, modern open fixtures have been put in to replace old and unsuitable ones, some new fixtures have been added, and the lavatories have been rearranged.

A much needed improvement in the Charlestown Almshouse is the building of fire-escapes.

Permission was given for the season by the Trustees, on request of His Honor the Mayor, for the use of Long Island West Head for the Municipal Camp for Boys, and for the use of a part of the island near the head for the Randidge Picnic Excursions for Children. This is the second season that the head has been used for the camp, and the third season that the Randidge excursions have been made.

During the summer season 16,105 children were given a day's outing on Long Island, including a luncheon and facilities for games and bathing.

The camp was carried on for eight weeks, and 1,164 boys were given one week's outing.

It has been the purpose of this Board to require the able-bodied inmates of the Almshouse to perform a full day's work, thus discouraging them from using the Almshouse as a comfortable resort. We have also made it more difficult for the vagrant class to gain admission to the Institution.

In comparatively few cases, less than one-half, do we know anything of the early history of the man or woman now known as a "rounder." Where we do know anything of their early life there is evidence in many cases of an unfortunate and neglected childhood.

Among 58 persons of this group, 52 are recorded as intemperate; and could we trace back all their histories we should expect to

find that many of them lead back to an unfortunate and neglected childhood, as do the larger part of those whose histories are known to us. There could not be a stronger plea for wise and foreseeing care of neglected and dependent children than is given in these records of unhappy lives.

The teaching in 1898-99 was a small matter in amount. We believe that more teaching should be provided. It could best be done by a teacher resident at Long Island, and able to give some mental as well as industrial training.

The report of the Special Committee of 1892 and that of the Board of Visitors of 1894 both rightly lay stress on the necessity of classification to separate "those who cannot be brought together without wrong and degradation."

We wholly concur in the importance of such classification, and feel that, in spite of effort towards it, by no means all has yet been accomplished that is possible. It is not a matter easy of settlement, however, nor can it be settled once for all.

The most satisfactory classification thus far has been that made possible by the existence of the Charlestown Almshouse, now receiving only women and old couples, though still retaining a few elderly men.

We are greatly indebted to the visiting medical staff for the large increase in their services during the year.

In addition to the report of the Trustees, the general report contains the reports of the Superintendents of the Long Island and Charlestown institutions, together with reports of the medical staff, various financial statements of the Department and population statistics of the institutions.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGISTRY DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the Registry Department for the year ending January 31, 1900, constitutes Document 61 — 1900.

The regular appropriation of the Department amounted to \$26,000. Of this amount there remained at the end of the year an unexpended balance of \$48.47.

The special receipts of the Department, mainly from fees received for marriage licenses, amounted to \$3,884.75. From this amount were expended \$3,141.50, paid to physicians on account of 12,566 births reported during the year.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces the following examinations for April 17, 1900:

For the position of interpreter, Slavonic languages, in the Bureau of Immigration at New York, at a salary of \$1,000 per annum.

For the position of skilled mechanic in the weather bureau of the Department of Agriculture, at a salary of \$1,000 per annum.

Persons desiring to compete in these examinations should at once apply to the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D.C., or to E. E. Stebbins, Room 141, Post Office building, Boston, for application blanks, etc.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, March 26, 1900, Chairman O'Brien presiding. Absent — Alderman Jordan.

The following messages from the Mayor were received:

Asphalting Gove and Paris Streets.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 21 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Superintendent of Streets in answer to your request for estimates of the cost of asphaltting Gove and Paris streets, East Boston, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, March 21, 1900.

TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

In accordance with the request contained in enclosed order of the Board of Aldermen, I beg to submit the following estimates of cost of construction of certain streets:

Gove street, East Boston, Meridian to Chelsea; paving with asphalt and regulating, \$10,000.

Paris street, East Boston, Meridian street to gymnasium; paving with asphalt and regulating, \$12,000.

These estimates are for a thirty-foot roadway and a ten years' maintenance guarantee.

Respectfully submitted,

B. T. WHEELER,

Superintendent of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Veto — Post in Sidewalk.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 26 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: The order passed by your Board on 19 March, permitting George Cherry to project two hanging lights and to erect an iron-post in the sidewalk in front of estate 92 Essex street is returned without my approval. The projection of the two hanging lights is not objectionable, but the erection of a post such as that described seems to me an unwarranted obstruction of public travel. Moreover, if a sign were placed on the post (which your order does not prohibit), it would conflict with Stat. 1895, Chap. 352.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Teams Hired by Park Department.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 26 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Park Commissioners, in answer to your order of 12 March, requesting certain information in regard to teams hired by them, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

March 26, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In accordance with the enclosed order of the Board of Aldermen, I send you herewith the number of teams, the names of owners, the amounts received by teams employed whose owners had no numbers on the park drawing, and the reasons why said teams were employed, being generally that the regular teams were not available in these cases. No period is specified in the order and the enclosed replies cover the season 1899-1900.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

(Annexed were the documents referred to).

Ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Park Investigation.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, March 22, 1900, at 7.45 P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

The following messages from the Mayor were received:

Enlargement of North End Playground.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 20 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Park Commissioners in answer to your order requesting their opinion as to the expediency of purchasing certain property on Prince street, as an enlargement of the North End Playground, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

March 19, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: We have received the enclosed vote of the Common Council, requesting this Board to consider and report to the Common Council on the expediency of purchasing the estate on Prince street, Ward 6, now occupied by a bakery and a stable, for the purpose of enlarging the North End Playground. We should consider this a desirable addition to that playground, and should be

pleased to take the same, but at present we have no funds available for the purpose.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on Park Department.

Hours of Employees.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 22 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Insane Hospital Trustees in reference to whether any of their employees coming within the provisions of Stat. 1899, Chap. 344, are working more than eight hours a day is transmitted herewith. This information was requested in an order referred to me at your last meeting.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

INSANE HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

March 20, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: I desire to report that no person is employed by the day at the Hospital. The nature of the work performed by the majority of the employees is of a domestic sort, and, with few exceptions, all employees make their home at the institution, which is rather like a family. The Superintendent, after consultation with the Law Department, reports that he understands that the law applies to no employee of the Hospital.

Very respectfully,

HENRY C. BALDWIN, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Widening of Pleasant Street.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 22 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Board of Street Commissioners in answer to your request for an estimate of the cost of widening Pleasant street, from Washington street to Shawmut avenue, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

March 22, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: In response to the order of the Common Council of March 15, 1900, the Board of Street Commissioners have to report that, in their opinion, the widening of Pleasant street, from Washington street to Shawmut avenue, to sixty feet, would require an appropriation of \$300,000. The copy of the order is sent herewith.

By order of the Board of Street Commissioners.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Children's Institutions—Loan Order.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 22 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: Herewith a communication from the Trustees for Children, explaining the necessity of appropriating \$10,000 immediately, to repair the loss by fire. The request seems reasonable, it should have early attention, and I suggest that the order sent herewith be passed without delay.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT,

32 Tremont Street, March 22, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: The Trustees for Children regret to inform you that on the evening of March 20 a fire occurred at Rainsford Island, destroying totally the stables and sheds belonging to the House of Reformation, together with a large amount of coal. In the upper part of the main building the printing room was completely destroyed, the roof and trusses being burned. The fire also did considerable injury to the dining-room and halls, and the chapel was injured by water. The horses and all the contents of the stable were destroyed. Fortunately five cows were saved. We now have them in one of the outbuildings.

We would ask your Honor for an appropriation of \$10,000 for our immediate needs.

Very respectfully yours,

H. A. LAMB, Chairman.

Ordered, That the sum of \$10,000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Trustees for Children's Institutions Department, in repairing and rebuilding the buildings at Rainsford Island, damaged by fire, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Sent up.

Gas and Electric Rates.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 22 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: I take pleasure in laying before you, for such action as you may think best, a petition for lower gas and electric light rates. The petition seems entitled to the attention of the city government.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

(Annexed was a petition signed by Houghton & Dutton and many others.)

Referred to the Committee on Lamp Department.

Temple, (N.H.), Request.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 22 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor of laying before you an interesting communication

from Temple, N.H., where it is proposed to commemorate the friends of Boston and American rights in the Revolution. The facts are substantially as alleged, and our Temple street still bears the name of Sir John Temple, who was the grandfather of the late Robert C. Winthrop.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

OFFICE OF TEMPLE BOARD OF TRADE,

Temple, N.H., March 20, 1900.

HIS HONOR MAYOR HART.

DEAR SIR: Allow me to call your attention to the enclosed correspondence between the Town of Temple and Boston in 1775. It is proposed to erect a massive granite monument on Temple Common to the pioneers of 1758 and the heroes of 1776. The town had 133 men in the service, and had only been settled seventeen years at the commencement of the war. We had twenty-two men at Bunker Hill. Town was named for Sir John Temple, an English baronet. He was dismissed from the King's service at the same time Benjamin Franklin was for conveying important information to the colonies. It occurred to me that if the matter was brought to the attention of your city government they might take pleasure in making a contribution towards erecting a monument to those heroic men who pledged their lives and fortunes for liberty or death. Hoping that your Honor may be pleased to give the matter attention,

I am yours respectfully,

NAHUM A. CHILD.

HIS HONOR MAYOR HART, Boston, Mass.

P. S. Would say that about one-half of the money is pledged and on deposit.

N. A. CHILD.

New Hampshire, January 12, 1775.

GENTLEMEN: You will receive, we suppose, by the bearer, Mr. John Cragin, of Temple, a small quantity of rye, about forty bushels from an infant settlement, collected by a free and cheerful contribution from most of the inhabitants, in consequence of a previous recommendation by the town.

Agreeable to the proposal of the town, we shall send it to you to be disposed of by you for the benefit of the poor of the Town of Boston that have been reduced to straits by the unjust and cruel Port-Bill. We assure you that we heartily sympathize with you, and earnestly pray that as your day is, your strength may be. That you may be undaunted, faithful and wise, and by your steady, undisguised conduct, put to silence those that wait for your halting. That your enemies may be ashamed; that your friends, at present as we suppose the friends of America and to justice, may be united both in good wishes for you and in just and kind conduct towards you; and that God in his own wise and holy time and way may subdue the hearts, divert the designs and effectually counteract the violence of your enemies, and soon restore you and us, America and Britain, to that security and peace which we cannot but hope will, in issue, be more firmly established even by those very means which vain ambition uses to attain its own purposes.

The little we do or can do for the mitigation of the evils you suffer, we consider rather as an act of justice than kindness, to those that are called by Providence to stand in the post of danger and suffer for their adherence to the common cause from the enemies of America, the being shut out from the usual channels from which they had been wont to derive a decent competence or increasing fortune.

We are sensible that the same injustice which deprives you of your usual method of support by trade, because some tea was destroyed by somebody in your town, would as readily, and on the same principles, deprive us, in whose country the tea was destroyed, of the cheerful warmth of the sun and refreshing rain, till the tea was paid for, if this were equally in its power. It attacks you rather than us, because this they can do, in which for our caution and sympathy they express their ill-will and for our satisfaction their impotence. We rejoice in your general firmness hitherto, and would not forget to give thanks to a kind Providence, that, as we trust, you have been enabled to conduct with so much prudence.

We are particularly pleased as you declare you are determined to be very open and exact in your accounts of what you receive, and how you employ it, as, with all your care, amazing pains is taken to propagate stories to the disadvantage of the committee and the town, the extensive and very fatal consequences of which nothing but the plainest facts can prevent.

With hearty good wishes for your welfare, and humbly commending you and ourselves, and the cause of America to Him that has hitherto so wonderfully defeated the secret plots and open violence of our common enemies,

We subscribe your friends,

EPHRAIM HEALD,
FRANCIS BLOOD,
DAVID SPAFFORD,
SAM'L WEBSTER,
JNO. CRAGIN,

Committee of Correspondence and Inspection for Temple.

Temple, N.H., March 21, 1900.

I hereby certify that the Town Records show the following vote:

January 2, 1775, "V. to administer some relief to ye Poor of ye town of Boston in some form or other."

HENRY W. HAYWARD,

Town Clerk and Notary Public, Temple, N.H.

Boston, January 16, 1775.

GENTLEMEN: The committee for receiving Donations for the Town of Boston, acknowledge the receipt of your very generous bounty, viz.: Forty bushels of rye, by Mr. Cragin, and in behalf of said town, return their hearty thanks to the inhabitants of the Town of Temple.

We cannot but look on it as from Divine influence, that the hearts and hands of our brethren are so opened and so united in assisting this distressed town; and we hope and believe there are many thanksgivings going up to Him, who is the author of all good to His creatures, and hope you will be rewarded in temporal and spiritual blessings. Through this kindness of Divine Providence, we hope we shall be enabled to persevere; and

must say it is truly remarkable, the quiet submission to Divine Providence, there seems to be in all the friends of the common cause, notwithstanding what our cruel task-masters have laid on us: as we think it better to bear this heavy burden for a time, than to be slaves, and our posterity forever. As to the reflections cast on the town and the committee by our enemies, I am glad your worthy pastor had an opportunity of seeing for himself, and so can assure the people of Temple that fair and open accounts are kept of all we receive, and how it is distributed, and expressed great satisfaction in it, and doubt not he has satisfied you, and we look on this present as a token of it.

I am gentlemen, in the name, and at the desire of the committee, your hearty well-wisher,

W. M. WHITEWELL,

One of the Committee.

To Messrs. EPHRAIM HEALD, FRANCIS BLOOD, DAVID SPAFFORD, SAMUEL WEBSTER and JNO. CRAGIN, Committee of Temple.

Referred to the Committee on Finance on motion.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved March 21:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along the corner of Cushing avenue and Jerome street, Ward 20, in front of the estate of Timothy A. Bresnahan; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, owner to furnish material.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to J. J. & P. M. Ahern to move a wooden building, pitch roof, thirty feet in length, by twenty feet in width, by thirty feet in height, from 562-564 Dorchester avenue, across said avenue to Dexter street, and thence across private lands to stone foundation fronting on 573 Dorchester avenue, Ward 15, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Leave was granted to project signs, etc., viz.:

Charles C. Lanza, two barber poles, at 23 Union Park street, Ward 9.

Augustus Green, an American flag and a sign, at 311 Shawmut avenue, Ward 9.

George W. Walker, illuminated druggist's mortar, at 648 Warren street, Ward 21.

Curtis & Moore, V-shaped sign at 208 State street, Ward 6.

ORDERS PASSED—NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court for

the passage of an act to authorize the City of Boston to pay to Augusta W. McCabe, wife of Charles A. McCabe, late a police officer of said city, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to be such police officer until the close of the present fiscal year.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to appoint one or more persons to investigate the City Printing Plant for the purpose of ascertaining the profit, if any, accruing to the city, and whether the Department charges for printing are just and equitable; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for Printing Department.

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be requested to include in its first loan bill the sum of \$75,000 for street improvements in Aldermanic District No. 4, said sum to be divided into thirds and to be expended in Wards 7, 9 and 13 respectively.

Ordered, That the Street Commissioners be, and are hereby, requested to report to this Board within two weeks the cost of laying out and extending Dix place, from Washington street to Tremont street, Ward 7.

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be requested to include in the first loan bill the sum of \$25,000 for macadamizing and putting in edgestones and brick sidewalks on Hillside street, from Parker street to Parker Hill avenue, Ward 19.

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be requested to include in the first loan bill the sum of \$15,000 for macadamizing and putting in edgestones and brick sidewalks on Calumet street, from Hillside street to Tremont street, Ward 19.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to lay a paved gutter on the northern side of Union street, between Winship and Shepard streets, Ward 25.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to construct Tremont street, from Oak square to the Newton line, as soon as the weather permits.

FIRE AT RAINSFORD ISLAND.

A fire occurred in the stable of the House of Reformation for Boys at Rainsford Island on Tuesday night, March 20, 1900, at about 6.30 o'clock, causing the complete loss of the stable, and adjoining sheds, and considerable injury to the dining-room, halls and the chapel and to the printing office, connected with the Institution. Two horses were lost and a large quantity of coal was destroyed. The total loss is estimated at between \$8,000 and \$10,000. An appropriation for the latter amount, to cover the cost of repairs, has been requested by the Trustees for Children.

A systematic fight to control the fire was begun by the officers and some of the boys of the Institution, under the direction of Superintendent Seavey. Requests for assistance were responded to from the Long Island Institution, with the steamer "John Howard" from Deer Island, and the Fire and Police Departments. By 10.30 o'clock the

fire was practically extinguished, and the boys confined at the Reformatory accounted for.

The fire was set by some of the older boys, and an investigation has been begun by the Superintendent and the Trustees.

A bill providing for the transfer from Rainsford Island, to some other reformatory, of any boy over fifteen years of age, should it be deemed advisable by the Trustees, is now before the Committee on Prisons of the Massachusetts Legislature.

GIFT OF BRONZE BUST OF WENDELL PHILLIPS.

The formal presentation of a bronze bust of Wendell Phillips to the Boston Public Library by the Wendell Phillips Memorial Association took place in the lecture-room of the library building on Monday evening, March 26, 1900.

In connection with the presentation of the gift, an address was made on the life of Wendell Phillips by Rev. Jesse H. Jones, President of the Wendell Phillips Memorial Association. Acceptance of the bust was expressed, in behalf of the Trustees of the Library, by Rev. James DeNormandie.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, April 2, 1900, at 3 P.M.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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18. S. B. 87, an Act relative to the presiding officers and clerks of the Common Council and of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, and to the City Clerk of said city, p. 66.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 19. Closed.	Feb. 21. S. (L.W.)							
19. S. B. 89, an Act to provide for primary elec- tions in the City of Boston, p. 67.	Election Laws. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Mch. 27. H (HB 1157)							
20. S. B. 90, an Act relative to the nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 98.	Election Laws. Feb. 1.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L.W.)							
21. S. B. 103, an Act relative to the improve- ment of Stony Brook, in the City of Bos- ton, p. 98.	Metropolitan Af- fairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
22. S. B. 110, an Act relative to the lease of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, p. 67.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Mch. 9. Closed.								
23. S. B. 115, an Act to establish a public mar- ket and public forum in the City of Bos- ton, p. 67.	Metropolitan Af- fairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 20. Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 6. S. (L.W.)							
24. S. B. 117, an Act relative to the bequest of of the late Charlotte Harris to the Charles- town Public Library, p. 98. (See also No. 40.)	Libraries. Feb. 14.	Mch. 19. Closed.	Mch. 22. H (HB 1140)	Mch. 26.						

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25. S. B. 136, an Act relative to Malden bridge, p. 170. IN THE HOUSE.	Metropolitan Affairs. Mch. 20.									
26. H. B. 2, an Act to incorporate the City Trust Company, p. 98.	Banks and Banking. Jan. 10.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H.(H.B.2.)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 5.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.
27. H. B. 22, an Act to regulate the price of gas in the City of Boston, p. 37.	Manufactures. Jan. 10.	Feb. 16, 26, 28, Mch. 2, 7, 12, 14, 28. Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H.(H.B.32)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 5.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.
28. H. B. 32, an Act to extend the time for filing petitions for the assessment of damages accruing from the alterations of the grade crossing of Dorchester avenue in the City of Boston and the Old Colony Railroad, p. 37.	Railroads. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.								
29. H. R. 33, a Resolve relative to the assumption of possession of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth, p. 37.	Railroads. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.								
30. H. B. 36, an Act to authorize the lease of the Boston and Albany Railroad to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, p. 37.	Railroads. Jan. 10.	Mch. 1, 21, 29.								
31. H. B. 37, an Act relative to appeals in case of the taking of land as private property by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, and to confirm its takings of land as private property in the County of Suffolk, p. 37.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 23. Feb. 6, 8. Closed.								
32. H. B. 97, an Act relative to the establishment of gas and electric light plants by the City of Boston, p. 37.	Manufactures. Jan. 11.	Feb. 21, 23.								
33. H. R. 99, a Resolve relative to the purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth, p. 38.	Railroads. Jan. 11.	Jan. 24, 31. Closed.								
34. H. B. 114, an Act relative to the nomination of Mayor in the City of Boston and Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 38.	Election Laws. Jan. 12.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 28. H.(N.G.C.)							
35. H. B. 160, an Act to provide for the appointment of a Police Commissioner and a Board of Excise Commissioners for the City of Boston, p. 38.	Liquor Law. Jan. 15.	Feb. 14. Closed.	Mch. 21. H.(L.W.)							
36. H. B. 161, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside its debt limit to erect school-houses in Ward 22 in said city, p. 39.	Cities. Jan. 16. To Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 17.	Feb. 23, 26. Closed.								
37. H. B. 179, an Act relative to the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen in Boston, p. 39.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Jan. 25. Closed.	Jan. 25. H.(N.P.)							
38. H. B. 180, an Act relative to the President of the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 39.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Jan. 25. Closed.	Jan. 25. H.(N.P.)							
39. H. B. 192, an Act to incorporate the Boston Life Assurance Company, p. 40.	Insurance. Jan. 17.	Jan. 30. Closed.	Mch. 15. H(HB 1097)							
40. H. B. 198, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's and Chandler's ponds in the City of Boston and City of Newton, p. 51. (See also No. 75.)	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 17.	Jan. 26. Closed.	Mch. 7. H.(L.W.)							
41. H. B. 204, an Act to provide for the transfer of the Harris collection of the Charlestown Public Library to the Central Library of the City of Boston, p. 51. (See also No. 24.)	Judiciary (House). Jan. 18.	Jan. 30. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (N. P.)							
42. H. R. 208, a Resolve in favor of submitting to a popular vote the question of State ownership of the Boston and Albany Railroad, p. 51.	Railroads. Jan. 19.	Feb. 9. Closed.								
43. H. B. 217, an Act to incorporate the Johnson Buildings, p. 51.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 18.	Jan. 31. Closed.	Feb. 5. H.(H.B. 943)	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	Feb. 13. S.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 20.	H. Feb. 23. S. Feb. 28.	App. Mch. 2.
44. H. B. 224, an Act relative to subways and tunnels in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 18.	Jan. 30. Feb. 27. Closed.	Mch. 2. H.(L.W.)							
45. H. B. 260, an Act relative to granting liquor licenses in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Liquor Law. Jan. 22.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 26. H.(N.P.)							
46. H. B. 293, an Act relative to the Boston Fire Department, p. 51.	Cities. Jan. 23.	Feb. 12. Closed.	Mch. 15. H.(L.W.)							
47. H. B. 295, an Act relative to the registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Election Laws. Jan. 23.	Feb. 8. Closed.	Feb. 28. H.(L.W.)							
48. H. B. 296, an Act to define residence as a requisite for voting in the City of Boston, p. 52.										
49. H. B. 298, an Act to provide for a high-school building in the Charlestown District of the City of Boston, p. 52.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	Feb. 23. Closed.								

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50. H. R. 308, a Resolve to confirm the acts of Charles W. Whittier as a Justice of the Peace, p. 52.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 23.	Jan. 30. Closed.	Jan. 30. H (H.R.308)	Jan. 31.	Feb. 2.	Feb. 6. S.	Feb. 7.	Feb. 8.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.
51. H. B. 321, an Act in addition to an act to incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company in the City of Boston, p. 52.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 23.	Feb. 2. Closed.	Feb. 5. H (H.B.947)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7.	Feb. 9. S.	Feb. 12.	Feb. 13.	H. Feb. 15. S. Feb. 19.	App. Feb. 20.
52. H. B. 325, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Catherine C. Dodge, p. 52.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 26. Closed.	Mch. 15. S. (N. P.)							
53. H. B. 326, an Act relative to the Metropolitan Water Board, p. 52.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 24.	Jan. 31. Feb. 6. Closed.								
54. H. B. 337, an Act relative to the pensioning of war veterans who are members of the Fire Department of the City of Boston, p. 52.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 5. Closed.	Feb. 8. H. (L. W.)							
55. H. B. 343, an Act to provide for the construction of a hospital in East Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 24.	Feb. 6. Closed.	Feb. 16. H (H.B.999)	Feb. 19.	Feb. 23.	Feb. 27. S.	Mch. 1. Rej.			
56. H. B. 355, an Act to incorporate the Marine Park Tower Company, p. 53.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 24.	Feb. 9, 13. Closed.	Mch. 21. H (H.B.1123)							
57. H. B. 370, an Act to authorize the Lexington and Boston Street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property, p. 53.	Street Railways. Jan. 30.	Mch. 6.								
58. H. B. 371, an Act to authorize the Fitchburg Railroad Company to take lands in Boston for freight purposes, p. 53.	Railroads. Jan. 25.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
59. H. B. 375, an Act relative to the improvement of Stony brook in the City of Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 25.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
60. H. B. 386, an Act to regulate the price of gas in that portion of the City of Boston known as East Boston, p. 53.	Manufactures. Jan. 25.	Feb. 16, 26, 28, Mch. 2, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28.								
61. H. B. 397, an Act to authorize and direct the Metropolitan Park Commission to acquire Fuller's wharf, in Brighton, as a part of the Charles-river reservation, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 25.	Feb. 6. Closed.	Feb. 14. H (H.B.397)							
62. H. B. 411, an Act relative to the fares charged by any street railway operating in the City of Boston, p. 68.	Street Railways. Jan. 26.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 9. H. (L. W.)							
63. H. R. 417, Resolutions relative to an appropriation by the Congress of the United States for the improvement of Boston Harbor, p. 68.	Federal Relations. Jan. 29.	Feb. 2. Closed.	Feb. 2. H (H.R.417)		Feb. 6. Ad.	Feb. 8. S.		Feb. 9. Ad.		
64. H. B. 420, an Act to regulate the price of gas in the City of Boston, p. 68.	Manufactures. Jan. 29.	Feb. 16, 26, 28, Mch. 2, 7, 14, 19, 28.								
65. H. B. 434, an Act to further define the duties of Boards of Registrars of Voters in all the cities of the Commonwealth, p. 68.	Election Laws. Jan. 29.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 7. H. (L. W.)							
66. H. B. 435, an Act to extend the time for building the Boston, Quincy and Fall River Bicycle Railway, p. 68.	Street Railways. Jan. 29.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Feb. 26. H (H.B.435)	Mch. 1.	Mch. 2.	Mch. 6. S.	Mch. 7.	Mch. 9.	H. Mch. 13. S. Mch. 15.	App. Mch. 16.
67. H. B. 441, an Act to require the Metropolitan Park Commission to rebuild the bridge over the Neponset river, between Blue Hills parkway in the Town of Milton and Mattapan square in the City of Boston, p. 69.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 29.	Feb. 6. Closed.								
68. H. B. 448, an Act in favor of Anna W. Wason, p. 69.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 16. Closed.	Mch. 16. H (H.B.1103)	Mch. 19.	Mch. 20.	Mch. 22. S.	Mch. 23.	Mch. 26.		
69. H. B. 449, an Act to provide rooms in the City of Boston in which to hold the Probate Court of Norfolk County in certain cases, p. 69.	Counties. Jan. 29.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (H.B.)							
70. H. B. 478, an Act to exempt the estate No. 13 Compton street in the City of Boston from the operation of the building laws, p. 69.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 9. Closed.								
71. H. B. 495, an Act to regulate the distribution of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 69.	Liquor Law. Jan. 30.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 26. H. (L. W.)							
72. H. B. 499, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside of its debt limit to erect a municipal building in South Boston, p. 70.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13. Closed.								
73. H. B. 515, an Act to extend the time for filing petitions for the assessment of damages accruing from the location and construction of railroads under the provisions of the Act to provide for a South Union station, p. 70.	Railroads. Jan. 30.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 19. H. (L. W.)							
74. H. B. 516, an act relative to the Boston and Suburban Express Company, p. 70.	Street Railways. Jan. 30.	Mch. 9, 27. Closed.								

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75. H. B. 528, an Act to revise the charter of the City of Boston, p. 70.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.									
76. H. B. 537, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's and Chandler's ponds by the Metropolitan Park Commission, p. 71. (See also No. 39.)	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 13. Closed.	Mch. 13. H.(N.G.C.)							
77. H. B. 540, an Act relative to the disposition of fees for the solemnization of marriages received by the City Registrar or Assistant City Registrar of the City of Boston, p. 71.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 31.	Feb. 26. Closed.	Mch. 26. S.(N.G.C.)							
78. H. R. 545, a Resolve relative to the building known as the Westminster Chambers in the City of Boston, p. 71. (See also No. 80.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 6. Closed.								
79. H. B. 551, an Act to promote the location and construction of freight tracks on the Commonwealth flats in South Boston, p. 71.	Harbors and Public Lands. Jan. 31.	Feb. 20, 26. Mch. 2, 9. Closed.								
80. H. B. 561, an Act to rebuild the Broadway bridge in the City of Boston, p. 71.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 13. Closed.								
81. H. B. 567, an Act relative to the building at the corner of St. James avenue and Trinity place in the City of Boston, p. 71. (See also No. 77.)	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 6. Closed.								
82. H. B. 568, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of William J. Ryan, p. 71.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 26. Closed.								
83. H. B. 576, an Act to authorize the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company to establish a guaranty capital, p. 71.	Insurance. Jan. 31.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Mch. 16. H.(H.B.1105)	Mch. 19.	Mch. 26.					
84. H. B. 579, an Act relative to the hiring of laborers by the City of Boston, p. 72.	Labor. Jan. 31.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
85. H. B. 587, an Act to provide for the construction of the esplanade on Charles river, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 14. Closed.	Feb. 19. H.(L.W.)							
86. H. B. 598, an Act relative to the appointment of pilots and Pilot Commissioners for Boston harbor, p. 72.	Judiciary (House) Jan. 31.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 20. H.(L.W.)							
87. H. B. 600, an Act relative to the appointment of court officers in the municipal courts in the County of Suffolk, p. 99.	Judiciary (House) Jan. 31.	Mch. 1. Closed.								
88. H. B. 606, an Act to provide for additional subways in the City of Boston, p. 72.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 27. Mch. 12, 22, 29.								
89. H. R. 608, a Resolve to confirm the acts of James E. Leach as a Justice of Peace, p. 73.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 31.	Feb. 19. Closed.	Feb. 19. H.(H.R.608)	Feb. 20.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 26. S.	Feb. 27.	Feb. 28.	H. Mch. 2. S. Mch. 6.	App. Mch. 7.
90. H. B. 621, an Act relative to expenses of medical examiners and other county officers, p. 73.	Counties. Feb. 1.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 26. H.(L.W.)							
91. H. B. 622, an Act relative to caucuses in the City of Boston, p. 73.	Election Laws. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Mch. 27. H.(H.B.1157)							
92. H. B. 631, an Act relative to the pensioning of war veterans who are members of the police force of the City of Boston, p. 74.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 8. H.(N.P.)							
93. H. B. 638, an Act relative to parkways in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
94. H. B. 639, an Act to direct the Boston Transit Commission to widen Pleasant street in the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15, 27. Mch. 12, 22, 29.								
95. H. B. 640, an Act to provide for establishing a playground to meet the wants of Wards 15 and 16 of the City of Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
96. H. B. 654, an Act relative to the advertising of legal notices in the County of Suffolk and City of Boston, p. 74.	Judiciary (House) Feb. 1.	Mch. 1. Closed.	Mch. 20. H.(N.P.)							
97. H. B. 660, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside the debt limit for the purpose of completing its public parks, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
98. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the crossings of railroads and public ways in East Boston, p. 74.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Mch. 9, 19, 27. Apr. 2.								
99. H. B. 676, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to establish and maintain an industrial school, p. 99.	Cities. Feb. 1. To Education. Feb. 7.	Feb. 23, 28. Closed.	Mch. 8. H.(H.B.676)	Mch. 9.	Mch. 12.	Mch. 14. S.	Mch. 15.	Mch. 16.	H. Mch. 20. S. Mch. 22.	App. Mch. 23.

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100. H. B. 678, an Act relative to the School Committee of the City of Boston, p. 83.	Education. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21, 27. Closed.	Mch. 21. H.(N.G.C.)							
101. H. B. 679, an Act to establish a School-house Department in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Education. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21, 27. Closed.	Mch. 21. H.(N.G.C.)							
102. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the number of liquor licenses which may be issued by cities and towns, p. 99.	Liquor Law. Feb. 1.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (L. W.)							
103. H. B. 688, an Act to provide for the creation and disbursement of a public school janitor's retirement fund in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Mch. 19. H. (L. W.)							
104. H. B. 689, an Act to incorporate the South Bay Wharf and Warehouse Company, p. 84.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 7. Closed.								
105. H. B. 690, an Act to provide for the construction of additional subways in the City of Boston, p. 84.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 27. Closed.	Mch. 12. H. (L. W.)							
106. H. B. 691, an Act to regulate the erection and maintenance of school buildings in the City of Boston, p. 140.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 23, 26. Closed.	Mch. 19. H. (L. W.)							
107. H. B. 693, an Act relative to the parks, parkways and boulevards of the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 6. H. (L. W.)							
108. H. B. 694, an Act relative to streets and lands in the neighborhood of parks, parkways and boulevards in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 6. H. (L. W.)							
109. H. B. 713, an Act to abolish fees for dog licenses in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Probate and Insolvency. Feb. 1.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H.(H.B.713)	Feb. 21.	Feb. 23.	Mch. 1. S.	Mch. 15. Rej.			
110. H. B. 723, an Act relative to Back street in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 1. To Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 8.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 5. H.(H.B.723)	Mch. 6.	Mch. 8.	Mch. 12. S.	Mch. 13.	Mch. 15.	H. Mch. 19. S. Mch. 20.	App. Mch. 23.
111. H. B. 726, an Act for the purchase by the Commonwealth of the road, franchise, property, rights and privileges of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, p. 85.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 27. Mch. 20, 21, 23. Apr. 2.								
112. H. B. 729, an Act to enlarge the Board of Railroad Commissioners and to purchase the Boston and Albany Railroad, p. 85.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Mch. 20, 21, 23. Apr. 2.								
113. H. B. 740, an Act to amend Section I of Chapter 353 of the Acts of 1892, relative to pensioning members of the Police Department of the City of Boston, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Mch. 1. 8. Closed.	Mch. 8. H. (N. P.)							
114. H. B. 746, an Act to provide fenders on certain conveyances operating in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. Mch. 6, 13. Closed.	Mch. 15. H. (N. P.)							
115. H. B. 748, an Act relative to the election of aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
116. H. B. 752, an Act relative to the appointment of constables in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 6. H. (L. W.)							
117. H. B. 756, an Act relative to the appointment of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Mch. 5. H. (N. P.)							
118. H. B. 758, an Act to provide for the care and support of the insane by the Commonwealth, p. 86.	Public Charitable Institutions. Feb. 2.									
119. H. B. 772, an Act relative to the construction of tenement-houses in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Mch. 1, 9, 13. Closed.								
120. H. B. 775, an Act relative to registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 87.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (L. W.)							
121. H. B. 776, an Act relative to names upon the voting lists of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 26. H.(H.B.776)							
122. H. B. 784, an Act to incorporate the First Motor Vehicle Company, p. 88.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13, 14. Closed.	Mch. 21. H. (L. W.)							
123. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston to lay out and construct a bicycle path across the Common, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L. W.)							
124. H. B. 788, an Act relative to the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Mch. 7.	Mch. 7. H.(N.G.C.)							
125. H. B. 789, an Act relative to the system of playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 16. Closed.								

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126. H. B. 796, an Act relative to pensioning medical examiners of the County of Suffolk, p. 88.	Public Health. Feb. 2. To Public Service.	Mch. 9. Closed.	Mch. 9. S. (L.W.)							
127. H. B. 802, an Act to limit all steam railroads to a five-cent fare within the limits of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	Mch. 2. Closed.								
128. H. B. 804, an Act to authorize persons qualified to vote for Governor to vote at the next State election on the question of the purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth, p. 100.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	Mch. 6. Closed.								
129. H. B. 825, an Act relating to the Probate and Insolvency Court for the County of Suffolk, p. 100.	Public Service. Feb. 2.	Mch. 8. Closed.								
130. H. B. 830, an Act relative to the appointment of inspectors of milk for the City of Boston, p. 100.	Agriculture. Feb. 5.	Mch. 7. Closed.	Mch. 14. H. (N. P.)							
131. H. B. 832, an Act relative to the opening of streets in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2, 12. Closed.	Mch. 14. H. (N. P.)							
132. H. B. 844, an Act relative to membership of Metropolitan commissions, p. 100.	Public Service. Feb. 5.	Feb. 20. Mch. 8. Closed.								
133. H. B. 845, an Act to provide for minority representation on the Metropolitan commissions, p. 101.	Public Service. Feb. 15.	Feb. 20. Mch. 8. Closed.								
134. H. B. 848, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.								
135. H. B. 851, an Act relative to extension of system of the Boston Elevated Railway Company in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Street Railways. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 5. H. (N. P.)							
136. H. B. 866, an Act relative to the limitation of height of second class buildings in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 9, 13. Closed.								
137. H. B. 867, an Act relative to the construction of cellars in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 9, 13. Closed.								
138. H. B. 876, an Act to regulate the election of caucus officers in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Election Laws. Feb. 5.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 15. H. (L.W.)							
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141. H. B. 883, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to take additional land for the purpose of caring for the insane, p. 102.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.								
142. H. B. 893, an Act to regulate the price of gas in that part of the City of Boston known as Charlestown, p. 102.	Manufactures. Feb. 5.	Feb. 16, 26, 28. Mch. 2, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28. Mch. 13, 20, 22, 27, 30.								
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144. H. B. 919, an Act to regulate railroad fares in the suburban district of Boston, p. 102.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.								
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150. H. B. 974, an Act relative to pensioning of members of the police force of the City of Boston, p. 121.	Cities. Feb. 9.	Mch. 8. Closed.								
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Department Communications.

Bath Department.

Following is a summary of the number of baths taken daily at the Dover-street Bath-house during the month of January, 1900, together with the amount received for use of towels and soap at one cent each:

JANUARY.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Amount received.
1 . . .	101	69	7	22	199	\$2 04
2 . . .	183	69	27	42	321	3 70
3 . . .	209	79	17	43	348	5 00
4 . . .	201	71	9	32	313	4 80
5 . . .	408	159	18	66	651	10 00
6 . . .	528	197	385	439	1,549	12 85
7 . . .	621	211	31	51	914	14 55
8 . . .	311	103	11	44	469	7 00
9 . . .	205	113	9	22	349	4 66
10 . . .	303	124	17	49	493	8 56
11 . . .	205	96	15	39	355	5 28
12 . . .	403	154	17	49	623	9 80
13 . . .	611	187	299	419	1,516	12 41
14 . . .	657	211	22	78	968	13 87
15 . . .	312	133	24	61	530	7 68
16 . . .	388	149	9	33	579	8 93
17 . . .	251	103	12	64	430	6 50
18 . . .	247	117	21	63	448	6 56
19 . . .	519	168	23	77	787	12 71
20 . . .	595	189	299	411	1,494	13 64
21 . . .	524	198	23	69	814	13 57
22 . . .	305	127	15	48	495	7 70
23 . . .	378	110	12	44	544	9 57
24 . . .	175	98	9	23	305	4 16
25 . . .	167	78	9	33	287	4 66
26 . . .	178	89	15	38	320	4 23
27 . . .	387	155	223	304	1,069	7 45
28 . . .	497	173	41	88	799	11 79
29 . . .	252	111	11	33	407	6 10
30 . . .	223	96	17	42	378	5 52
31 . . .	278	102	19	43	442	6 24
Totals,	10,622	4,039	1,666	2,869	19,196	\$251 53

NOTE.—Saturdays, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., boys and girls are supplied free with towel and soap.

CHARLES F. MORSE, Secretary.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, March 19, 1900.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending March 17, 1900:

Number of chattel mortgages	102
Number of discharges of mortgages	11
Number of assignments of mortgages	5
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	1
Number of bills of sale	3
Number of assignments of wages	39
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	7
Number of married women's certificates	7

An accident notice was filed on March 14 by William H. Elliott on account of damage to property, caused by defective drain on Kendrick street.

E. J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

Building Department.

Old Court House, February 5, 1900.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending February 3, 1900:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1 . . .	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	1	
2 . . .	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	6	
3 . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
4 . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
5 . . .	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	2	
6 . . .	-	9	-	-	-	-	10	3	9	13	
7 . . .	-	5	-	1	-	-	3	-	9	37	
8 . . .	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	4	9	
9 . . .	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	7	
10 . . .	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	4	
11 . . .	-	4	-	-	-	-	3	1	2	10	
12 . . .	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	-	7	18	
13 . . .	2	2	-	-	-	3	2	-	1	6	
14 . . .	1	2	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	2	
15 . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	5	
16 . . .	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	5	1	3	
17 . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	
18 . . .	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	11	
19 . . .	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	7	6	
20 . . .	1	-	-	-	-	6	-	4	12	15	
21 . . .	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	10	3	11	
22 . . .	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	7	
23 . . .	1	-	1	-	-	3	1	3	2	3	
24 . . .	2	3	1	-	-	2	4	5	4	9	
25 . . .	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	8	2	3	
T'ls..	7	33	5	3	-	20	43	45	80	192	

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

Health Department.

Old Court House, March 3, 1900.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Gilmore Electric Company, 625 First street, Ward 14, one horse; hearing March 15 at 11 o'clock. Peter F. O'Brien, 19 and 21 Scotia street, Ward 10, twenty horses; hearing March 8 at 11 o'clock. William J. Carlin, Seaver street, Ward 21, two horses; hearing March 15 at 11 o'clock.

No seizures of provisions were made during February.

The following is a summary of the work done by the Bureau of Milk Inspection during February, 1900:

Number of samples of milk examined:	
From wagons	629
From stores	533
Brought in by citizens	14
	1,176
Number of samples of vinegar examined,	34
Number of samples of butter examined,	59
Total samples	1,269

Number of cases pending on February 1, 1900	19
Number of convictions during February	16
Number of warrants returned without service	2
Number of cases dismissed for want of jurisdiction	1
	19
Number of cases pending March 1	-
Number of appeals	12
Amount paid in fines during January and February	\$605

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending March 3:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	43	65	108
Negative	91	105	196
No growth	-	2	2
Totals	134	172	306

Typhoid diagnosis: One case, atypical.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, March 19, 1900.

Statistics for the week ending March 17, 1900:

Cases pending	-
Number of applications	76
	76
Number of admissions:	
To State Almshouse, Tewksbury	35
Long Island Almshouse	12
Charlestown Almshouse	2
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	1
Boston Insane Hospital	4
Taunton Insane Hospital	6
Foxboro' Asylum	2
Epileptic Hospital	1
	63

Number of applications refused	7
Number of applications withdrawn	6
Cases pending	-
	76

Settlements investigated 87
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children 7

W. T. SEDGWICK, Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, March 13, 1900.

Statistics for the week ending March 10, 1900:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	92	11
Females	13	4
Totals	105	15
Offences:		
Against the person	5	-
Against property	14	12
Against public order and decency	86	4
Totals	105	* 16
Discharges:		
Males	159	5
Females	32	4
Totals	191	9

How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	173	6
Permit of Commissioner,	9	—
Payment of fine	9	—
Transferred to State farm	—	2
Transferred to Deer Island	—	1
Totals	191	9
Population:		
March 3, 1900	1,014	511
Committed since March 3, 1900	105	15
Totals	1,119	526
Discharged since March 3, 1900		
March 10, 1900	928	517

* One committed charged with two offences.

PETER MORRISON, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, March 6, 1900.

Following is a summary of the work of this Department for the week ending March 3, 1900:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	500
Defects reported	122
Defects corrected	120
Notices of new work received	32
Feet of dead wire removed	4,900
Fixtures removed	12
Poles set	9
Poles reset	2

An alarm from Box 792 at 8.40 P.M. on February 28 for fire at 49 India street was responded to.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	246
Notices of new work received	86

The temporary wiring at the various theatres was inspected.

An investigation of a slight fire which occurred at 9.41 A.M., March 1, at 23-25 and 48-50 Pearl street has been made. The damage by fire was slight, owing to the immediate discovery of the same.

An investigation of a fire which occurred at Lewis wharf at 11.43 A.M., March 3, has also been made.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Permits have been granted for street openings as follows:

Building connections	6
Repairs	3

Inspections have been made as follows:

Building connections	6
Pole connections	4
Repairs	1
Cable drawings	17
Installation of underground transformers	2

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

The manual of the public schools of Boston for 1900 has recently been issued. It contains the organization of the School Committee and a list of all the schools of the city.

Board Meetings.

Children's Institutions Department.

Following is an abstract of the records of recent meetings of the Board of Children's Institutions Trustees:

At a meeting of the Trustees for Children on January 3, 1900, Circular No. 1 from Mayor Hart was laid before the Board, and a reply, prepared by the Chairman, was approved.

The Committee on Schools reported that the statistics and photographs asked for by the Paris Exposition Committee had been prepared and sent.

On January 20, it was voted that in the opinion of the Trustees, eighteen should be the limit of the age at which the Trustees should pay board for minors at Long Island, and that the Pauper Trustees be requested to notify this Board of all admissions under that age, in order that the cases may be investigated by our agents.

On January 25, it was voted that legislation be asked for to give the Trustees power to transfer boys for cause from the House of Reformation to the Reformatory at Concord, and that the Secretary be directed to consult with the Corporation Counsel as to the proper method of asking for this legislation.

It was also voted that the statement of the merit system at the House of Reformation be amended to read as follows:

"That boys in the honor grade have certain privileges in the institution. Their names are also reported to the Trustees and at the discretion of the Trustees and with the approval of the Court, such boys may be released on probation."

On February 3, 1900, the Trustees voted that every girl under the care of the placing-out department be visited at least once a year by a woman visitor.

Miss Bailey reported that she had visited the placed-out children at the Cape, and had found the homes generally excellent, but many of the children defective or peculiar.

A committee was appointed to confer with the sub-committee on truants of the Boston Public School Board and to urge that truant officers furnish more detailed information upon truant boys committed to the care of the Trustees.

On February 28, it was voted that the Secretary be requested to send a circular letter to the municipal judges of Suffolk County, requesting them to send boys under fifteen years of age, now sent to Deer Island for non-payment of fines, to the House of Reformation.

It was voted that at the proper time the Legislature be requested to change the name of House of Reformation to Suffolk School for Boys.

CHARLES P. PUTNAM, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, March 9, 1900.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, DeNormandie, Bowditch, Dwight and Lincoln.

Received: Communication dated March 8 from the Massachusetts Publishing Company; the Librarian's report.

Employed: Alfred G. Ochs, forwarder in the bindery, at a salary of \$18 per week, March 12.

One special privilege card was granted.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to the general appropriation amounting to \$8,194.58; to trust funds, \$663.43; to "Broadway Extension, improvements" appropriation, \$47.11.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$269.83; to trust funds, \$1,125.46; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$61.28; to Station "P," \$1.50; miscellaneous articles, \$910.65.

The Librarian reported a gift from Mr. Louis Prang of 166 lithographic reproductions from the Walters Collection; and it was

Voted, That the President be requested to make a special acknowledgment to Mr. Prang, expressing the appreciation of the Trustees of his very valuable gift.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Street Laying-out Department.

Following is an abstract of the records of recent meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, March 5.

Awards were made under advice of the Law Department of \$1,500 to J. J. Murphy for damages occasioned by the laying out of Angell street, and of \$5,550 to A. C. Clark and another, trustees, for damages occasioned by the laying out of Columbia road.

An overflow sewer was ordered to be rebuilt between South Bay and the junction of B and Seventh streets, at Dorchester avenue.

An order was received from the School Committee requesting the Street Commissioners to take land on Morton street for an addition to the school-house estate on said street.

Certifications were received of the confirmation by the Board of Aldermen of the changes of name of Shamrock street to Kimball street, and of Bothnia street to St. Cecilia street; and of the naming of the "substitute way for South street" Robert street.

Orders were received from the Common Council requesting the laying out of Fisher avenue and of the straightening of Bucknam street.

Tuesday, March 6.

Awards were made of \$500 to Bartholomew Graham for damages occasioned by the relocation of Swett street, and of \$118.75 to Mary A. Milliken for damages occasioned by the laying out of Burt street.

Petitions were received for the laying out of the passageway leading from Blue Hill avenue to Oakland street, as Public alley No. 1901, in District No. 20; and for a catch-basin in Heath street.

Wednesday, March 7.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out an extension of Temple street, at West Roxbury, from Ivory street to Centre street.

A petition was received for a sewer in Bird street.

Thursday, March 8.

An order was received from the Board of Aldermen requesting an estimate of the cost of widening Province street.

Catch-basins were ordered in Harrison and Savin Hill avenues.

Petitions were received for the widening of Hyde Park avenue, and for the laying out of Roseclair street.

Monday, March 12.

Awards were made of \$11,000 to E. F. O'Keefe and A. J. Hennessy for damages occasioned by the laying out of an extension of Bird street; and of \$13,500 to T. D. Sullivan and W. Carr for damages occasioned by the laying out of Bennington street.

A catch-basin was ordered to be built in Western avenue.

Petitions were received for an extension of Brandon street, and for the laying out of Gilman street.

An additional piece of land was taken for the Norfolk-street school estate.

Tuesday, March 13.

An order was received from the Common Council requesting the Commissioners to lay out Burney street.

A petition was received for the laying out of Mallet street.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending March 24, 1900, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	34.4
Death rate for corresponding week, 1899,	20.3
Number of deaths:	
Males	175
Females	191
Total	366
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1899	212
Increase	154

Of the 366 decedents, 355 were white and 11 colored; 230 were born in the United States, 131 in foreign countries and the birthplace of 5 was unknown; 91 were of American parentage, 237 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 38 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	67	9
Scarlatina	35	4
Typhoid fever	4	2
Measles	63	5
Totals	169	20

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	46
Pneumonia	100
Whooping cough	2
Heart disease	33
Bronchitis	17
Marasmus	11
Violent causes	11
Total from principal causes	220
Total from infectious diseases	20
Total from other causes	126
Total from all causes	366

Deaths of children under 1 year	57
Deaths of children under 5 years	102
Deaths of persons over 60 years	101
Deaths in public institutions	100

The deaths attributed to La Grippe during the week were forty; thirty-five were complicated deaths and five were uncomplicated.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following order has been promulgated by the Board of Police:

March 17, 1900.

General Order No. 674.

The Superintendent of Police is hereby directed to instruct captains to report to him arrests in other states of criminals wanted in Boston. In all such cases the Superintendent will detail an officer to proceed to the state where any such arrested criminal is held and take him into custody in the proper manner.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

Boston, March 23, 1900.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25 in the Old Court House, on Friday, March 30, 1900, at 11 o'clock A.M., as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory shown on plans numbered Cc 6, 15, made by the Board of Street Commissioners, and filed January 6, 1896, in the office of the City Engineer, in City Hall, and Cc 7, made and filed by said Board in said office, October 15, 1896; said territory is located in that part of Boston formerly West Roxbury, east of Centre street, at Cass street.

JOHN P. DORE,
SALEM D. CHARLES,
EDWARD W. PRESHO,
Board of Street Commissioners.

NOTICE.

Boston, March 15, 1900.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. A plan of locations granted is filed, dated March 13, 1900.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Welles avenue, near corner of Ocean street, Ward 24. Corner of Gardner and Baker streets, Ward 23 (one pole).

Gardner street from Baker street to one pole past the Highland Ice Company Railroad, Ward 23 (twenty-one poles).

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 26, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the second day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, Jamaica Plain News, THE CITY RECORD, Boston Globe, and Dorchester Beacon.

Passed.
A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

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JOHN P. DORE,
SALEM D. CHARLES,
EDWARD W. PRESHO,
Board of Street Commissioners.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March, 26 1900.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 165 Chestnut avenue, corner Boylston street, Ward 25, four bay windows, of the following description: To project from second and third stories—two over Boylston street, one over Chestnut avenue, and one over corner of Chestnut avenue and Boylston street. Dimensions: All to be 26 feet high, three, 13 feet and one, 12 feet wide, and all to be 2 feet over line of street.

MARY E. BOYLE, 169 Chestnut avenue.
By SAMUEL RANTIN & SONS,
Architects, 1117 Columbus avenue.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 26, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the ninth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person, objecting thereto, may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Jamaica Plain News and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

March 23, 1900.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building Nos. 173-175 Bennington and 306-308 Paris streets, Ward 2, four bay windows, of the following description: To project from second story—two over Bennington street and two over Paris street. Dimensions: Each, ten feet high, three feet wide, and three feet over line of street.

CHARLES F. HARGRAVE,
32 Central square, East Boston.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

March 26, 1900.

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EAST BOSTON TUNNEL.

Following is the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Causten Browne et al. vs. Alfred T. Turner et al., relative to the construction of the East Boston tunnel:

HOLMES, C. J. This bill purports to be brought under Statute 1898, Chapter 490, amending Public Statutes, Chapter 27, Section 129. As we are of opinion that it fails to make out a case, and as all parties are anxious for a decision upon the merits, we have not considered whether the plaintiffs bring themselves within the purview of the act. The decree will be the same that it would be if we were against them on the preliminary point, and therefore there seems to be no objection to stating the grounds of substantive law which seems to us to support the result.

The point of the bill may be stated in a few words. The Boston Transit Commission proposes to obey Statute 1897, Chapter 500, Section 17, by constructing a tunnel from a point on or near Hanover street, in Boston proper, to a point at or near Maverick square, in East Boston, and by executing a lease of the tunnel, when completed, to the Boston Elevated Railway Company for twenty-five years from the date of that act, at the rental specified in the same section. The Treasurer of the city proposes to obey

Section 18 of the act by selling bonds and applying the proceeds to the payment of the cost of the tunnel. The plaintiffs seek an injunction on the ground that the requirements of these sections are unconstitutional, as calling for an unwarranted exercise of the power of taxation, as taking the property of the city without reasonable compensation or due process of law when the lease is executed, and as impairing the obligation of a contract already made by the Subway Commissioners with the West End Street Railway.

In view of the decisions as to the subway it does not appear to us to need further argument to show that the contemplated tunnel, even if permanently confined to street railway travel, is a public work for a public use, for building which the Legislature can require the city to pay. Prince vs. Crocker, 166 Mass. 347, 361. Mahoney vs. Boston, 171 Mass. 427, 429. Local precedent is more important than abstract theory in determining this question, at least so far as the State Constitution is concerned, and if it be true, as it may be, that the difference between uses which are public within the requirements of the Constitution, and those which are not, is one of degree, that is no novelty, and it is enough that this use has been determined to fall on the right side of the line. Apart from the distinctions suggested between the subway and the tunnel, which do not impress us, it is said that because of the direction to let the tunnel and because of the difference between the rental under the statute and that which would have been received under the contract, which we have mentioned, the real object of the statute is to throw upon the city the burden of constructing part of its road-bed for a private corporation and to give it a lease on easier terms.

We cannot accept the suggestion. It does not appear that the statute will have either effect. But if it will, so long as it is possible, we are bound to assume that the Legislature did its duty, meant what it said, and regarded the work as a public work really needed by the public, as it may be. The purpose of the act on its face is to create a lawful public improvement.

The lease comes up in another aspect, however. It is said that the compensation to the city is inadequate, and that the lease will be a taking of the city's property for a private corporation without paying for it. Mount Hope Cemetery vs. Boston, 158 Mass. 509. With regard to the former purposes, if the Legislature has the same power that it has with regard to other roads the matter of compensation is wholly within its power. Harwich vs. County Commissioners, 13 Pick. 60; Agawan vs. Hampden, 130 Mass.

528, 530, 531, and cases elsewhere in this judgment. See, also, Mobile vs. Kimball, 102 U. S. 691, 702; Williams vs. Eggleston, 170 U. S. 304. Commonly, when a city or town is required to build a road or bridge within its limits, no compensation is provided for beyond the local benefit of having it there. With regard to the latter branch of the objection, we are of opinion that the case is not like Mount Hope Cemetery vs. Boston, or that supposed of an act requiring a transfer of the City Hall to a railroad company for a station. This is not a transfer, but only a temporary and quasi-experimental lease for a not unreasonable time. The property of the city in the tunnel, assuming it to have the property, is not of a half-private sort, as in case of a cemetery, but is merely the control of a public agency. There is no element of the Mount Hope Cemetery case to the matter. McHugh vs. Boston, 173 Mass. 408; Commonwealth vs. Fitzgerald, 164 Mass. 587, 589, 590; Kingman, petitioner, 153 Mass. 566, 574, 575; Cheshire vs. Adams & Cheshire Reservoir Company, 119 Mass. 356. As was said at the argument, if the tunnel is to be built, it is to be used, and naturally will not be used by the city directly. If the Legislature could authorize it to be let on terms to be agreed upon, as was held in Prince vs. Crocker, it could require it to be let upon terms which the Legislature thought just to the corporation selected by it engaged in a public work like that for which the tunnel is to be used. In fact, when once the power to require the tunnel to be built is conceded, the rest follows in the situation now existing in Boston. Assuming that the city is not to go into the transportation business further than it has gone, the use of the tunnel by the corporation which manages the consolidated street railways of the city is the alternative, and such use is not to be expected without a lease.

The contract, the obligation of which it is said will be impaired, is the former lease of the subway executed by the Transit Commissioners under Statutes 1893, Chapter 478; 1894, Chapter 548; 1895, Chapter 440 and 1896, Chapter 492. This lease was to the West End Street Railway Company, to whose rights the Boston Elevated Company has succeeded, but was at a different rental from the present. The lease declares the word subway, as used therein, to include all the subways, tunnels, etc., which the Commission has constructed or may construct under the aforesaid acts. As to future tunnels of course this is not a lease, but only a contract to let them if they are built under the said acts. The Statutes of 1894 (Chapter 548, Section 26) was to the effect that the Commission "may construct

a tunnel . . . from a point on or near Scollay square in the City of Boston . . . to a point on or near Maverick square." Such a contract is not impaired in any way by a repeal of so much of the act as gives the Commission authority to build, and it may be that, if it was necessary, we should say that a tunnel with a different terminus built in form under another and later act, is not within the words of the lease—that, in the words of Browne vs. Turner, 54 N. E. Rep. 510, 514, the contemplated tunnel is "a substitute for the tunnel authorized by Statutes 1894." We prefer, however, to put our decision on more substantial grounds. The railroad company does not object to the changes, as was the case in Walla Walla vs. Walla Walla Water Company, 172 U. S. 1.

The city has no greater interest in the lease than it has in the tunnel. Its interest in the lease is as much public property and as subject to legislative control as its interest in the tunnel. No part of the proceeds go to its private uses (Statutes 1894, Chapter 548, Section 38; Mahoney vs. Boston, 171 Mass. 427, 430), and if any part did go to such uses it is hard to see how, as against itself, the city, by making a contract to let public property held by it subject to the control of the Legislature, could cut down this control. The control is not subject to a chance of the city's contracting, but the contract is subject to the power of the Legislature over the subject-matter. Essex Public Road Board vs. Skinkle, 140 U. S. 334, 339, 340; New Orleans vs. New Orleans Water Works Company, 142 U. S. 79, 91, 92; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad vs. Nebraska, 170 U. S. 57, 72; Railroad Company vs. Ellerman, 105 U. S. 166. See Brighton vs. Wilkinson, 2 Allen, 27; Brimmer vs. Boston, 102 Mass. 19; Agawan vs. Hampden, 130 Mass. 528, 530, 531, et seq.

We assume, for purposes of discussion, without deciding, that contract as to future tunnels was within the authority given by Statutes 1895, Chapter 440, Section 6; Statutes 1896, Chapter 492.

Bill dismissed.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, on March 27, 1900, at 7.30 P.M. President Gallivan occupied the chair, and all the members were present except Mrs. Fifield and Mr. McDonald.

The appointments and confirmations of teachers, presented by the Superintendent at the last meeting, were approved.

The following communications were read:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 22 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

GENTLEMEN: I return without my approval an order passed by the School Committee on 13 March, 1900, authorizing the addition of \$520 to the contract of F. G. Coburn & Co. to pay for ten additional windows in the Chapmau Grammar School build-

ing. The amount of the addition seems to me too large.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

Placed on file.

STREET COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,

City Hall, March 13, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

In compliance with the request contained in your order of February 27, 1900, the Board of Street Commissioners on March 12, 1900, took, for school purposes—for the enlargement of the new grammar school lot on Morton and Norfolk streets, at Dorchester—9,764 square feet, more or less, of land on Norfolk street, and their decree of taking has been this day recorded in the Registry of Deeds.

Respectfully,

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Placed on file.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read and successively passed:

(1.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to approve the payment to William T. Eaton of \$44.20 for carpenter and plumbing work performed at the Munroe-street School-house in 1899.

(2.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to expend an amount not exceeding \$40 for providing electric-power service for the new Munroe-street Primary School-house.

(3.) That the salary of the janitor of the Hawes Hall and Simonds Schools be fixed at the rate of \$600 per annum, to date from February 1, 1900, until otherwise ordered.

(4.) That the salary of the janitor of the Union-street School be fixed at the rate of \$300 per annum, to date from December 1, 1899, until otherwise ordered.

(5.) That there be paid to Charles W. Collings the sum of \$3 for extra services as janitor of the Appleton-street School during the months of November, December, January and February.

(6.) That Emma S. Gulliver, assistant, grammar school, in the Hyde district, be placed upon the maximum salary of her rank, to date from February 1, 1900.

(7.) That Elizabeth G. Hutchinson, assistant, grammar school, in the Phillips district, be placed upon the maximum salary of her rank, to date from March 1, 1900.

(8.) That Emma M. Harvey, assistant, grammar school, in the Lyman district, be placed upon the maximum salary of her rank, to date from January 29, 1900.

(9.) That Jeannette A. Nelson, assistant, primary school, in the Wells district, be placed upon the maximum salary of her rank, to date from March 1, 1900.

(10.) That Irving M. Norcross, sub-master in the Eliot district, be placed upon the fourth year of service in his rank, to date from December 18, 1899.

The resignation of Rose A. Carrigan, assistant instructor of music, was accepted.

The appointments of two special assistants were laid over, under the rule; the appointments of four temporary teachers were laid over, under the rule; the appointments of four teachers on probation were laid over, under the rule; the transfer of one teacher was laid over, under the rule; leaves of ab-

sence were granted to thirteen teachers; the appointment of one temporary teacher was approved, under suspension of the rules, and the reappointments of four temporary teachers were laid over, under the rule.

The following order was passed, under suspension of the rules:

That the Committee on new buildings are hereby authorized to renew the lease of the Chauncy Hall School building, now occupied by the Girls' Latin School, for one year from July 1, 1900, at the same rental that is now paid, viz.: \$5,000 and taxes.

On motion of Mr. Merritt, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the Francis Parkman School-house, at Forest Hills, be accepted by this Board, subject to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Mr. Merritt, for the same committee, who were requested, March 13, to consider and report upon the advisability of enlarging the lot of the Mt. Vernon-street Primary School-house, with a view to the erection of a new building on said site at some future time, reported that the lot adjoining the school property is already owned by the city, on which is situated an old engine-house which, they understand, is not used by the Fire Department. In the opinion of your committee it would be wise to acquire additional land on this street, so as to permit the erection of a new school-house in the future, and they therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

That the City Council be requested to transfer to the School Committee, for school purposes, the engine-house lot on Mt. Vernon street, West Roxbury, containing 16,275 square feet, more or less.

Accepted, and the order passed.

The transfer of one janitor was approved.

On motion of Mr. Merritt, it was

Ordered, That an additional kindergarten be established in the Gilbert Stuart district.

The following order was passed under suspension of the rules:

That the Committee on School-houses are hereby authorized to engage accommodations for the School-house Agent's Department, at the corner of Hollis and Tremont streets, at an annual rental not exceeding \$1,100.

Mr. McDonough, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order to the effect that the Committee on New Buildings be authorized to approve the payment of bills, presented by John S. Jacobs & Son, amounting to \$498.90 for work done at the Paul Revere School in December, 1898, reported that they have considered the matter, and recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to approve the payment of the following bills, rendered by John S. Jacobs & Son, for work done at the Paul Revere School in December, 1898, viz.:

Filling up under front entrance steps,	\$14 76
Building brick walls and concreting	
under steps to rear entrances . . .	272 60
Concreting exterior areas . . .	140 15
Cutting for plumbers . . .	71 39

Total . . . \$498 90

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mrs. Keller, it was

Ordered, That a kindergarten be established in the Francis Parkman School-house, Forest Hills.

The following orders were passed:

Ordered, That a second junior-master be allowed in the West Roxbury High School.

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses be requested to submit at the next meeting of the Board a list of persons whom it is proposed to employ in the Department of the School-house Agent, together with their recommendations with regard to the amount of salary to be paid each.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the Weights and Measures Department for the year ending January 31, 1900, has recently been submitted to Mayor Hart. The report constitutes Document 34—1900, and may be summarized as follows:

The total expenditures of the Department for the year amounted to \$23,305.80.

The work of the Department was as follows:

Total number of scales tested from February 1, 1899, to February 1, 1900,	13,747
Total number of weights tested from February 1, 1899, to February 1, 1900,	45,269
Total number of dry measures tested from February 1, 1899, to February 1, 1900	8,464
Total number of wet measures, including milk cans, and jars tested from February 1, 1899, to February 1, 1900,	300,100
Total number of yardsticks tested from February 1, 1899, to February 1, 1900,	1,568
Total number of charcoal baskets tested from February 1, 1899, to February 1, 1900	27
Total number of coal baskets tested from February 1, 1899, to February 1, 1900	292
Total number of salt tubs tested from February 1, 1899, to February 1, 1900,	1
Total number of brewers' grain tubs tested from February 1, 1899, to February 1, 1900	5

Total number of tests made of all descriptions 469,704

The earnings of the Department in fees received amounted to \$5,393.48.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following is a summary showing the number of transfers of real estate and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of March, 1900, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 555; total number of mortgages, 528; total amount of mortgages, \$3,236,887.

District.	Number of Transfers.
Boston	152
South Boston	45
East Boston	48
Roxbury	83
Dorchester	120
West Roxbury	48
Brighton	35
Charlestown	24
Total	555

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, April 2, 1900, Chairman O'Brien presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages from the Mayor were received:

Cost of Paving East First Street.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 2 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Superintendent of Streets, in answer to your request for an estimate of the cost of paving East First street, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, March 31, 1900.

TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

In accordance with the request contained in inclosed order of the Board of Aldermen, I beg to report that the estimated cost of paving and regulating East First street, Ward 14, from L street to P street, is as follows:

With granite blocks \$32,200
With asphalt 45,600

Respectfully submitted,

B. T. WHEELER,

Superintendent of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Paving of Broad Street.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 2 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: I transmit herewith an important and interesting petition for the proper paving of Broad street.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

Boston, March 22, 1900.

TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF BOSTON:

We, the undersigned, respectfully petition the City Council for an appropriation for the repaving of Broad street at an early day, its condition being dangerous, the repairs made from time to time having only temporarily improved the condition of the pavement, and it is, a constant menace to the safety of horses and vehicles.

In view of the volume of noisy traffic through Broad street, we would respectfully suggest the desirability of an asphalt pavement.

We would suggest as requiring immediate attention the portion between State and

Franklin, or at least between State and Milk streets.

(Signed by Shapleigh Coffee Company and others.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, March 29, 1900, at 7.45 P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

The following messages from the Mayor were received:

Inspection of Vose House, City Hospital.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 28 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: Enclosed herewith is an invitation from the Trustees of the City Hospital to inspect the Vose House for Nurses.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.

Boston, March 26, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: The Trustees of the Hospital cordially invite you and, through you, the Honorable Board of Aldermen and the Common Council, to visit and inspect the new Vose House for Nurses, and such other parts of the Hospital as may be desired, on Tuesday, April 3, at 11 o'clock A.M. A light luncheon will be served.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

C. J. RUETER, Secretary.

Accepted.

Requests for Additional Street Lights.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 28 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Superintendent of Lamps in reference to requests for additional gas, electric and naphtha lights, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

LAMP DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, March 28, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In reference to the numerous requests received from the Common Council, through your office, for new gas, electric and naphtha lamps, I desire to say that the appropriation proposed for this Department will not permit the Department to erect any new lamps whatever, and that none can be erected until such time as sufficient money is appropriated to pay for the same.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM D. LANG,

Superintendent of Lamps.

Placed on file.

Drinking Fountain, M Street Playground.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 28 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Water Commissioner in reference to your request that a drinking fountain be placed on the M-street playground, Ward 14, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

WATER DEPARTMENT,

CITY HALL, March 23, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In reply to the order of the Common Council, requesting that a drinking fountain be located on the M-street playground, Ward 14, I would say that the grounds belong to the Park Department, and come under the jurisdiction of the Park Commissioners, therefore we cannot erect a fountain there without their consent.

This brings up the subject of erecting drinking fountains in general throughout the city, and I desire to say that I cannot see any reason why the Water Department should erect fountains to be paid for by water-takers unless a special appropriation is made for that purpose. It is clearly the business of the Water Department to furnish water after the fountains are erected, and this the Department stands ready to do at any time without expense.

Very truly yours,

A. P. MARTIN, Water Commissioner.

Assigned to the next meeting.

East Boston Reservoir.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 27 March, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: Enclosed herewith is a communication from the Water Commissioner, in reference to orders requesting that the East Boston reservoir be converted into a playground, in case its use as a reservoir is discontinued, and that an additional service pipe be provided for the East Boston district.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

WATER DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, March 27, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In reply to the two orders of Common Council of the fifteenth instant, one in relation to taking necessary steps to convert the Boston reservoir, if discontinued, into a park and playground, and the other providing, in case of discontinuance, that the necessary steps be taken for the construction of an additional service pipe for the district, in order that the supply of water may be adequate for any emergency that may arise, I would say:

As I understand it, the property cannot be disposed of without authority from the City Council, and therefore it remains in their hands to say when and how it shall be disposed of, if at all.

These orders have been referred to Mr. Jackson, the City Engineer, and he is clearly of the opinion that an additional service pipe should be provided as a safeguard before the reservoir could safely be dispensed with, and his opinion is that it should cross the creek between Chelsea and East Boston at a different point from the present location of the supply pipes that furnish water to that district.

There are two elements of danger that are to be considered. One is the breaking of the surface pipes, and the other is the danger of an overflow in the reservoir. If the gate shutting off the water from the reservoir should be accidentally left open, the present pressure would carry the water up over the embankments, which would be liable to create a serious disaster. I am informed by the engineer that it is necessary to keep close guard on the water gates and the condition of the water in the reservoir to prevent an accident of this nature.

When I made my previous recommendation that the reservoir be dispensed with, I did not anticipate that this could be done at once, but made it as a suggestion to be taken under consideration as a final disposition of the East Boston reservoir property to be made as soon as it could be done with safety.

Respectfully yours,

A. P. MARTIN, Water Commissioner.

Placed on file.

City Government Orders.**ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.****By the City Council.**

The following were approved March 28, 1900:

Ordered, That the sum of \$10,000 be appropriated, to be expended by the Trustees for Children's Institutions Department, in repairing and rebuilding the buildings at Rainsford Island, damaged by fire; and that to meet the said appropriation, the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, on request of the Mayor, bonds of the City of Boston to said amount for said purpose.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be requested to procure a portrait of Mr. J. Mitchel Galvin, ex-City Clerk, to be hung in the office of the City Clerk; the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, incidental expenses.

The following were approved March 30:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John Riley the sum of \$180.66, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 76 Foster street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2498, fol. 623.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Frank T. Hor-

gan the sum of \$189.58, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Wordsworth street, East Boston, for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2659, fol. 246.

Resolved, That the city government of Boston hereby protests against the action of the Trustees of the Boston Terminal Company in sending a protest to Secretary of War Root against the Cove-street bridge in which the city is charged with bad faith in the matter of said bridge, as no agreement was entered into between the city and said Trustees concerning said bridge.

Resolved, That we hereby enter an unqualified denial of the charge that the city has not kept faith with the company in this matter, as no agreement was ever made on this subject by the city and said company, and the action of the city has been perfectly fair and above reproach.

Resolved, That the city government of Boston is still in favor of the proposed bridge as strongly as it has been in the past, and feels that the Boston Terminal Company is acting against the interests of the citizens of Boston in not complying with the provisions of the Acts of the Legislature making it mandatory to construct the said bridge.

Ordered, That copies of this protest be sent to the Secretary of War, the two Senators from Massachusetts, and the members of the Congressional delegation from this State.

Whereas, In the opinion of the members of the City Council of the City of Boston it is for the best interests of the City of Boston that the resolve providing for an amendment to the Constitution establishing a debt limit for cities and towns, now before the Legislature, should become a law; be it therefore

Resolved, That the said resolve has the full approval and indorsement of the members of the City Council.

Ordered, That the City Clerk transmit a copy of this preamble and resolve to the Chairman of the Committees on Metropolitan affairs, Taxation and Constitutional Amendments.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved March 28:

Leave to project signs, etc., viz.:

Joseph N. Little, two barber poles at 314 Washington street, Ward 25.

Joseph Lovoi, two barber poles at 76½ Meridian street, Ward 2.

A. S. Mayo, sign at 24½ Exchange street, Ward 6.

John F. Grady, one bay-window from building 775 Dorchester avenue, Ward 16.

Nathan G. Green, a bay-window from building 2 Saxton street, corner Savin Hill avenue, Ward 20.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to attach, and to the New England Telegraph Company to allow the attachment of, the wires of said telephone company to eleven poles of said telegraph company on Granite avenue, Ward 24, between Codman street and No. 135.

Ordered, That the Penal Institutions Commissioner be authorized to draw from the county treasury the sum of \$500 for

meeting petty current expenses, to be accounted for before the close of the fiscal year, the same to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk, Penal Institutions, office expenses.

ORDERS PASSED—NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters be requested to appear before the Committee on Manufactures of the Massachusetts Legislature and advocate the passage of House Bill No. 386, entitled "An Act to Regulate the Price of Gas in that portion of the City of Boston known as East Boston."

By the Board of Aldermen.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested, through the Mayor, to furnish this Board with an estimate of the cost of paving East First street, from L to P street.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be requested to report as to the safe condition of the railings of the Broadway extension bridge to this Board at its next meeting.

Ordered, That the Boston Elevated Railroad Company be requested to run a night car on the Winthrop Junction line between the hours of 12 midnight and 1 A.M., at the same time as the car leaves the Ferry for Chelsea.

LIST OF HOUSES ORDERED VACATED.

The following is a list of the houses ordered vacated by the Board of Health during the month of March, 1900:

26 Rochester street.
97 Marginal street.
4 Willow park.
16 and 18 Haskins street.
238-240 C street.
488 Commercial street.
155 Charlestown street.
14 Cooper street.
135 Endicott street.
137 Endicott street.
17 Cleveland place.
103 Brighton street.
373 Heath street.
59 Alger street.
645 Saratoga street.
9 Williams street.
24 Prospect street.

There were no houses ordered demolished during the month of March.

VISIT TO THE CITY HOSPITAL.

At the invitation of the Hospital Trustees, Mayor Hart and about forty members of the City Council made an inspection of the new Vose House for Nurses, attached to the City Hospital, on Tuesday, the third instant. The visitors were met at the Hospital grounds by the Trustees and the Superintendent, and by them were conducted about the institution.

At 1 o'clock the party assembled in the reception hall, and President Shuman, of the Trustees, made an address on the history of the Hospital and facts in connection with the building of the new Home for Nurses. On motion of Alderman Gerry, a vote of thanks was tendered the Trustees for the courtesy extended to the City Government.

BOSTON AND CAMBRIDGE BRIDGES COMMISSIONER.

Mayor Champlin, of Cambridge, has re-appointed Mr. William J. Marvin as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the bridges maintained by the cities of Boston and Cambridge. Mr. Marvin has represented the City of Cambridge on this Commission for the past eighteen years; he has also served as Harbor Master of that city for sixteen years.

The City of Boston is represented on the Board of Commissioners by the Superintendent of Streets.

DAMAGE TO CITY PROPERTY BY FIRE.

A fire occurred in a wooden building at 14 Swett street, owned by the City of Boston, and used by the Sewer Division of the Street Department as a stable and storehouse, on Friday night, March 30, 1900.

Certain rubber goods worn by employees of the Division were destroyed and one horse was burned to death. The loss is estimated at about \$1,000.

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39. H. B. 192, an Act to incorporate the Boston Life Assurance Company, p. 40.	Insurance. Jan. 17.	Jan. 30. Closed.	Mch. 15. H(H.B.1097)							
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50. H. R. 308, a Resolve to confirm the acts of Charles W. Whittier as a Justice of the Peace, p. 52.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 23.	Jan. 30. Closed.	Jan. 30. H(H.R.308)	Jan. 31.	Feb. 2.	Feb. 6. S.	Feb. 7.	Feb. 8.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.
51. H. B. 321, an Act in addition to an act to incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company in the City of Boston, p. 52.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 23.	Feb. 2. Closed.	Feb. 5. H(H.B.947)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7.	Feb. 9. S.	Feb. 12.	Feb. 13.	H. Feb. 15. S. Feb. 19.	App. Feb. 20.
52. H. B. 325, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Catherine C. Dodge, p. 52.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 26. Closed.	Mch. 15. S. (N. P.)							
53. H. B. 326, an Act relative to the Metropolitan Water Board, p. 52.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 24.	Jan. 31. Feb. 6. Closed.	Feb. 8. H. (L. W.)							
54. H. B. 337, an Act relative to the pensioning of war veterans who are members of the Fire Department of the City of Boston, p. 52.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 5. Closed.								
55. H. B. 343, an Act to provide for the construction of a hospital in East Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 24.	Feb. 6. Closed.	Feb. 16. H(H.B.999)	Feb. 19.	Feb. 23.	Feb. 27. S.	Mch. 1. Rej.			
56. H. B. 355, an Act to incorporate the Marine Park Tower Company, p. 53.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 24.	Feb. 9, 13. Closed.	Mch. 21. H(H.B.1123)	Apr. 3. Rej.						
57. H. B. 370, an Act to authorize the Lexington and Boston Street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property, p. 53.	Street Railways. Jan. 30.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 28. H(H.B.1172)							
58. H. B. 371, an Act to authorize the Fitchburg Railroad Company to take lands in Boston for freight purposes, p. 53.	Railroads. Jan. 25.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
59. H. B. 375, an Act relative to the improvement of Stony brook in the City of Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 25.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
60. H. B. 386, an Act to regulate the price of gas in that portion of the City of Boston known as East Boston, p. 53.	Manufactures. Jan. 25.	Mch. 2, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28. Apr. 4. Closed.	Feb. 14. H(H.B.397)							
61. H. B. 397, an Act to authorize and direct the Metropolitan Park Commission to acquire Fuller's wharf, in Brighton, as a part of the Charles-river reservation, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 25.	Feb. 6. Closed.								
62. H. B. 411, an Act relative to the fares charged by any street railway operating in the City of Boston, p. 68.	Street Railways. Jan. 26.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 9. H. (L. W.)							
63. H. R. 417, Resolutions relative to an appropriation by the Congress of the United States for the improvement of Boston Harbor, p. 68.	Federal Relations. Jan. 29.	Feb. 2. Closed.	Feb. 2. H(H.R.417)		Feb. 6. Ad.	Feb. 8. S.		Feb. 9. Ad.		
64. H. B. 420, an Act to regulate the price of gas in the City of Boston, p. 68.	Manufactures. Jan. 29.	Mch. 2, 7, 14, 19, 28. Apr. 4. Closed.	Feb. 7. H. (L. W.)							
65. H. B. 434, an Act to further define the duties of Boards of Registrars of Voters in all the cities of the Commonwealth, p. 68.	Election Laws. Jan. 29.	Feb. 7. Closed.								
66. H. B. 435, an Act to extend the time for building the Boston, Quincy and Fall River Bicycle Railway, p. 68.	Street Railways. Jan. 29.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Feb. 26. H(H.B.435)	Mch. 1.	Mch. 2.	Mch. 6. S.	Mch. 7.	Mch. 9.	H. Mch. 13. S. Mch. 15.	App. Mch. 16.
67. H. B. 441, an Act to require the Metropolitan Park Commission to rebuild the bridge over the Neponset river, between Blue Hills parkway in the Town of Milton and Mattapan square in the City of Boston, p. 69.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 29.	Feb. 6. Closed.								
68. H. B. 448, an Act in favor of Anna W. Wason, p. 69.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 16. Closed.	Mch. 16. H(H.B.1103)	Mch. 19.	Mch. 20.	Mch. 22. S.	Mch. 23.	Mch. 26.	H. Mch. 28. S. Apr. 2.	App. Apr. 3.
69. H. B. 449, an Act to provide rooms in the City of Boston in which to hold the Probate Court of Norfolk County in certain cases, p. 69.	Counties. Jan. 29.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 20. H(H.B.449)	Mch. 21.	Mch. 23.	Mch. 27. S.				
70. H. B. 478, an Act to exempt the estate No. 13 Compton street in the City of Boston from the operation of the building laws, p. 69.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 9. Closed.	Mch. 28. S. (L. W.)							
71. H. B. 495, an Act to regulate the distribution of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 69.	Liquor Law. Jan. 30.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 26. H. (L. W.)							
72. H. B. 499, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside of its debt limit to erect a municipal building in South Boston, p. 70.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13. Closed.								
73. H. B. 515, an Act to extend the time for filing petitions for the assessment of damages accruing from the location and construction of railroads under the provisions of the Act to provide for a South Union station, p. 70.	Railroads. Jan. 30.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 19. H. (L. W.)							
74. H. B. 516, an act relative to the Boston and Suburban Express Company, p. 70.	Street Railways. Jan. 30.	Mch. 9, 27. Closed.								

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75. H. B. 528, an Act to revise the charter of the City of Boston, p. 70.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Apr. 4.								
76. H. B. 537, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's and Chandler's ponds by the Metropolitan Park Commission, p. 71. (See also No. 39.)	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 13. Closed.	Mch. 13. H.(N.G.C.)							
77. H. B. 540, an Act relative to the disposition of fees for the solemnization of marriages received by the City Registrar or Assistant City Registrar of the City of Boston, p. 71.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 31.	Feb. 26. Closed.	Mch. 26. S.(N.G.C.)							
78. H. R. 545, a Resolve relative to the building known as the Westminster Chambers in the City of Boston, p. 71. (See also No. 80.)	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 6. Closed.								
79. H. B. 551, an Act to promote the location and construction of freight tracks on the Commonwealth flats in South Boston, p. 71.	Harbors and Public Lands. Jan. 31.	Feb. 20, 26. Mch. 2, 9. Closed.								
80. H. B. 561, an Act to rebuild the Broadway bridge in the City of Boston, p. 71.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 13. Closed.								
81. H. B. 567, an Act relative to the building at the corner of St. James avenue and Trinity place in the City of Boston, p. 71. (See also No. 77.)	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 6. Closed.								
82. H. B. 568, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of William J. Ryan, p. 71.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 26. Closed.								
83. H. B. 576, an Act to authorize the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company to establish a guaranty capital, p. 71.	Insurance. Jan. 31.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Mch. 16. 11(H.B.1105)	Mch. 19.	Mch. 26.	Mch. 28. S.	Mch. 29.	Apr. 2. Am.		
84. H. B. 579, an Act relative to the hiring of laborers by the City of Boston, p. 72.	Labor. Jan. 31.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
85. H. B. 587, an Act to provide for the construction of the esplanade on Charles river, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 14. Closed.	Feb. 19. H.(L.W.)							
86. H. B. 598, an Act relative to the appointment of pilots and Pilot Commissioners for Boston harbor, p. 72.	Judiciary (House) Jan. 31.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 20. H.(L.W.)							
87. H. B. 600, an Act relative to the appointment of court officers in the municipal courts in the County of Suffolk, p. 99.	Judiciary (House) Jan. 31.	Mch. 1. Closed.	Apr. 2. 11(H.B.600)							
88. H. B. 606, an Act to provide for additional subways in the City of Boston, p. 72.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 27. Mch. 12, 22, 29, Apr. 4.								
89. H. R. 608, a Resolve to confirm the acts of James E. Leach as a Justice of Peace, p. 73.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 31.	Feb. 19. Closed.	Feb. 19. 11(H.R.608)	Feb. 20.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 26. S.	Feb. 27.	Feb. 28.	H. Mch. 2. S. Mch. 6.	App. Mch. 7.
90. H. B. 621, an Act relative to expenses of medical examiners and other county officers, p. 73.	Counties. Feb. 1.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 26. 11.(L.W.)							
91. H. B. 622, an Act relative to caucuses in the City of Boston, p. 73.	Election Laws. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Mch. 27. 11(H.B.1157)							
92. H. B. 631, an Act relative to the pensioning of war veterans who are members of the police force of the City of Boston, p. 74.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 8. H.(N.P.)							
93. H. B. 638, an Act relative to parkways in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
94. H. B. 639, an Act to direct the Boston Transit Commission to widen Pleasant street in the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15, 27. Mch. 12, 22, 29, Apr. 4.								
95. H. B. 640, an Act to provide for establishing a playground to meet the wants of Wards 15 and 16 of the City of Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
96. H. B. 654, an Act relative to the advertising of legal notices in the County of Suffolk and City of Boston, p. 74.	Judiciary (House) Feb. 1.	Mch. 1. Closed.	Mch. 20. H.(N.P.)							
97. H. B. 660, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside the debt limit for the purpose of completing its public parks, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
98. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the crossings of railroads and public ways in East Boston, p. 74.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Mch. 9, 19, 27, Apr. 2, 12.								
99. H. B. 676, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to establish and maintain an industrial school, p. 99.	Cities. Feb. 1. To Education. Feb. 7	Feb. 23, 28. Closed.	Mch. 8. H(H.B. 676)	Mch. 9.	Mch. 12.	Mch. 14. S.	Mch. 15.	Mch. 16.	H. Mch. 20. S. Mch. 22.	App. Mch. 23.

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100. H. B. 678, an Act relative to the School Committee of the City of Boston, p. 83.	Education. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21, 27. Closed.	Mch. 21. H.(N.G.C.)							
101. H. B. 679, an Act to establish a School-house Department in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Education. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21, 27. Closed.	Mch. 21. H.(N.G.C.)							
102. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the number of liquor licenses which may be issued by cities and towns, p. 99.	Liquor Law. Feb. 1.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (L. W.)							
103. H. B. 688, an Act to provide for the creation and disbursement of a public school janitor's retirement fund in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Mch. 19. H. (L. W.)							
104. H. B. 689, an Act to incorporate the South Bay Wharf and Warehouse Company, p. 84.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 7. Closed.	Apr. 3. H(H B 1202)							
105. H. B. 690, an Act to provide for the construction of additional subways in the City of Boston, p. 84.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 27. Closed.	Mch. 12. H. (L. W.)							
106. H. B. 691, an Act to regulate the erection and maintenance of school buildings in the City of Boston, p. 140.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 23, 26. Closed.	Mch. 19. H. (L. W.)							
107. H. B. 693, an Act relative to the parks, parkways and boulevards of the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 6. H. (L.W.)							
108. H. B. 694, an Act relative to streets and lands in the neighborhood of parks, parkways and boulevards in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 6. H. (L.W.)							
109. H. B. 713, an Act to abolish fees for dog licenses in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Probate and Insolvency. Feb. 1.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H.(H.B.713)	Feb. 21.	Feb. 23.	Mch. 1. S.	Mch. 15. Rej.			
110. H. B. 723, an Act relative to Back street in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 1. To Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 8.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 5. H.(H.B.723)	Mch. 6.	Mch. 8.	Mch. 12. S.	Mch. 13.	Mch. 15.	II. Mch.19. S. Mch.20.	App. Mch. 23.
111. H. B. 726, an Act for the purchase by the Commonwealth of the road, franchise, property, rights and privileges of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, p. 85.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 27. Mch. 20, 21, 23. Apr. 2.								
112. H. B. 729, an Act to enlarge the Board of Railroad Commissioners and to purchase the Boston and Albany Railroad, p. 85.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Mch. 20, 21, 23. Apr. 2.								
113. H. B. 740, an Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 353 of the Acts of 1892, relative to pensioning members of the Police Department of the City of Boston, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	Mch. 8. H. (N. P.)							
114. H. B. 746, an Act to provide fenders on certain conveyances operating in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. Mch. 6, 13. Closed.	Mch. 15. H. (N. P.)							
115. H. B. 748, an Act relative to the election of aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 14. Closed.	Apr. 3. S. (N. P.)							
116. H. B. 752, an Act relative to the appointment of constables in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 6. H. (L.W.)							
117. H. B. 756, an Act relative to the appointment of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Mch. 5. H. (N.P.)							
118. H. B. 758, an Act to provide for the care and support of the insane by the Commonwealth, p. 86.	Public Charitable Institutions. Feb. 2.									
119. H. B. 772, an Act relative to the construction of tenement-houses in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Mch. 1, 9, 13. Closed.								
120. H. B. 775, an Act relative to registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 87.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (L. W.)							
121. H. B. 776, an Act relative to names upon the voting lists of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 26. H(HB 1151)	Mch. 28.						
122. H. B. 784, an Act to incorporate the First Motor Vehicle Company, p. 88.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13, 14. Closed.	Mch. 21. H. (L.W.)							
123. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston to lay out and construct a bicycle path across the Common, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L.W.)							
124. H. B. 788, an Act relative to the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Mch. 7. Closed.	Mch. 7. H.(N.G.C.)							
125. H. B. 789, an Act relative to the system of playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 16. Closed.								

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126. H. B. 796, an Act relative to pensioning medical examiners of the County of Suffolk, p. 88.	Public Health. Feb. 2. To Public Service. Feb. 7.	Mch. 9. Closed.	Mch. 9. S. (L.W.)							
127. H. B. 802, an Act to limit all steam railroads to a five-cent fare within the limits of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 28. H. (L.W.)							
128. H. B. 804, an Act to authorize persons qualified to vote for Governor to vote at the next State election on the question of the purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth, p. 100.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	Mch. 6. Closed.								
129. H. B. 825, an Act relating to the Probate and Insolvency Court for the County of Suffolk, p. 100.	Public Service. Feb. 2.	Mch. 8. Closed.								
130. H. B. 830, an Act relative to the appointment of Inspectors of milk for the City of Boston, p. 100.	Agriculture. Feb. 5.	Mch. 7. Closed.	Mch. 14. H. (N.P.)							
131. H. B. 832, an Act relative to the opening of streets in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2, 12. Closed.	Mch. 14. H. (N.P.)							
132. H. B. 844, an Act relative to membership of Metropolitan commissions, p. 100.	Public Service. Feb. 5.	Feb. 20. Mch. 8. Closed.								
133. H. B. 845, an Act to provide for minority representation on the Metropolitan commissions, p. 101.	Public Service. Feb. 15.	Feb. 20. Mch. 8. Closed.								
134. H. B. 848, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 28. H. (N.P.)							
135. H. B. 851, an Act relative to extension of system of the Boston Elevated Railway Company in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Street Railways. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 5. H. (N.P.)							
136. H. B. 866, an Act relative to the limitation of height of second class buildings in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 9, 13. Closed.	Mch. 28. H. (L.W.)							
137. H. B. 867, an Act relative to the construction of cellars in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 9, 13. Closed.	Apr. 2. S. (S.B. 155)	Apr. 3.						
138. H. B. 876, an Act to regulate the election of caucus officers in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Election Laws. Feb. 5.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 15. H. (L.W.)							
139. H. B. 879, an Act relative to pilots on tugboats engaged in towing vessels bound to or from certain ports within the limits of Boston harbor, p. 101.	Harbors and Public Lands. Feb. 5.	Feb. 28. Mch. 8, 13, 20. Closed.								
140. H. B. 882, an Act to provide for the appointment of a Board of Excise for the City of Boston, p. 101.	Liquor Law. Feb. 5.	Feb. 14. Closed.	Mch. 21. H. (L.W.)							
141. H. B. 883, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to take additional land for the purpose of caring for the insane, p. 102.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.								
142. H. B. 893, an Act to regulate the price of gas in that part of the City of Boston known as Charlestown, p. 102.	Manufactures. Feb. 5.	Mch. 12, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28. Apr. 4.								
143. H. B. 914, an Act to exempt the City of Boston from the provisions of the civil service laws, p. 102.	Public Service. Feb. 5.	Mch. 13, 20, 22, 27, 30.	Apr. 3. S. (L.W.)							
144. H. B. 919, an Act to regulate railroad fares in the suburban district of Boston, p. 102.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 28. H. (H B 919)							
145. H. B. 920, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban district of Boston, p. 102.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 30. H. (H B 1193)							
146. H. B. 924, an Act to provide for a Greater Boston by permitting towns and cities adjoining to be annexed by concurrent vote, p. 120.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 5.	Mch. 7. Closed.								
147. H. B. 927, an Act relative to the rate of taxation and indebtedness of the City of Boston, p. 121.	Taxation and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2, 15, 19. Closed.								
148. H. B. 939, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to license business brokers, p. 121.	Judiciary (House). Feb. 5.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
149. H. B. 942, an Act to provide for a Board of Elections for the City of Boston, p. 103.	Election Laws. Feb. 5.	Feb. 28.	Feb. 28. H. (L.W.)							
150. H. B. 974, an Act relative to pensioning of members of the police force of the City of Boston, p. 121.	Cities. Feb. 9.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 30. H. (H B 1191)							
151. H. B. 1024, an Act to change the name of the House for the employment and reformation of boys in Suffolk County and for other purposes, p. 122.	Prisons. Mch. 22.	Apr. 2. Closed.	Apr. 3. H. (H B 1205)							

H., signifies House; S., Senate; B., Bill; R., Resolve; (N. P.), Ought not to Pass; (L. W.), Leave to Withdraw; N. G. C., Next General Court; Rej., Rejected; Am., Amended; App., Approved; Ad., Adopted; Sub., Substituted.

FIFTEEN YEARS OF BOSTON FINANCES — 1885-1900. PERCENTAGES OF ACTUAL NET RECEIPTS.

Compiled by the Statistics Department.

FINANCIAL YEAR.	TAXES.				Loans.	Water and Other Sources.
	Property Tax.	Poll Tax.	Other Taxes.	Total Taxes.		
1885-86 . . .	58.84	.70	3.70	63.24	14.80	21.96
1886-87 . . .	58.39	.73	4.19	63.31	24.61	12.08
1887-88 . . .	57.52	.68	5.12	63.32	17.51	19.17
1888-89 . . .	57.02	.65	5.85	63.52	15.93	20.55
1889-90 . . .	55.97	.63	5.66	62.26	32.00	5.74
Five Years . . .	57.48	.68	4.96	63.12	21.11	15.77
1890-91 . . .	56.17	.70	5.88	62.75	15.75	21.50
1891-92 (9 mos.)	60.18	.78	4.81	65.77	9.13	25.10
1892-93 . . .	53.34	.57	5.83	59.74	17.53	22.73
1893-94 . . .	51.89	.54	5.58	58.01	25.62	16.37
1894-95 . . .	50.51	.59	4.61	55.71	28.83	15.46
Five Years . . .	54.05	.63	5.34	60.02	20.08	19.90
1895-96 . . .	47.89	.51	4.37	52.77	27.69	19.54
1896-97 . . .	47.33	.44	4.11	51.88	32.02	16.10
1897-98 . . .	44.26	.38	3.77	48.41	29.72	21.87
1898-99 . . .	48.74	.36	3.70	52.80	23.23	23.97
1899-1900 . . .	47.05	.32	5.85	53.22	29.83	16.95
Five Years . . .	47.01	.40	4.37	51.78	28.49	19.73

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on May 2, 3 and 4, 1900, an examination will be held in any city in the United States, where it has a local Board of Examiners, for the position of junior architectural draftsman and architectural draftsman.

From the eligibles resulting from these examinations certification will be made to fill a number of vacancies in the position of junior architectural draftsman, at salaries of

\$900 and \$1,000, and in the position of architectural draftsman, at salaries of \$1,200 and \$1,400 per annum, supervising architect's office, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Persons who desire to compete should at once apply to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., or to E. E. Stebbins, Secretary Board of Examiners, Room 141, Post Office building, Boston, Mass., for application forms (Blanks 304 and 375), which should be properly executed and promptly filed with the Commission.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending March 31, 1900, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	29.7
Death rate for corresponding week, 1899,	19.0
Number of deaths:	
Males	150
Females	166
Total	316
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1899	198
Increase	118

Of the 316 decedents, 309 were white and 7 colored; 192 were born in the United States, 120 in foreign countries and the birthplace of 4 was unknown; 68 were of American parentage, 219 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 29 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	67	8
Scarlatina	31	3
Typhoid fever	1	3
Measles	68	2
Totals	167	16

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	39
Pneumonia	81
Whooping cough	7
Heart disease	27
Bronchitis	20
Marasmus	1
Violent causes	5

Total from principal causes	180
Total from infectious diseases	16
Total from other causes	120

Total from all causes 316

Deaths of children under 1 year	40
Deaths of children under 5 years	67
Deaths of persons over 60 years	101
Deaths in public institutions	72

Thirty-three deaths from La Grippe were reported during the week, viz.: Twenty-six complicated and seven non-complicated deaths.

There was one case of small-pox reported during the week.

CITY OF BOSTON PAYMENTS FOR APRIL.

City Treasurer Turner paid for the City of Boston on Monday, April 2, 1900, as follows:

Mayor's general draft:	
General expenses, \$311,971 07	
City debt coming due	1,267,000 00
Interest on all classes of debt	\$1,578,971 07
County draft	907,631 52
County draft	90,012 80
Total	\$2,576,615 39

He remitted to London to pay interest due April 2, 1900, on sterling water bonds, £10,037 8s. 9d. (\$48,981.94.)

Board Meetings.

Library Department.

Friday, March 16, 1900.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, Lincoln and Dwight.

The salary of Mary Seemuller, grade B, special, ordering department, was fixed at \$15.50 per week, March 20.

Two special privilege cards were granted.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$696.48; to trust funds, \$169.16; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$55.50; Station "P," \$2.32; miscellaneous articles, \$388.46.

The bill of Augustus St. Gaudens for \$2,000 was allowed and ordered paid by special draft.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Pauper Institutions Department.

February 19, 1900.

The sixty-ninth regular meeting of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Monday, February 19, at 10.30 A.M.

The urgent need of fire-escapes at the Charlestown Almshouse was discussed, and it was

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to write to the Mayor, requesting a loan of \$4,000 to provide fire-escapes for the Charlestown Almshouse.

Circular No. 2 from the Mayor, calling attention to Chapter 3, Section 24, of the Revised Ordinances, by which each department is requested to transmit an annual report to the Mayor within thirty days from the close of the financial year, was read.

The Chairman of the Committee on the Annual Report stated that the Committee would be glad to have a special meeting of the Board called to accept the annual report, as prepared by the Committee.

Circular No 3 from the Mayor was also read. This circular had been acted upon at the special meeting of February 17.

A letter from Mr. F. W. Howard, Chief of the Architectural Division of the Engineering Department, under date of February 9, was read, regarding an imperfect casting for one of the engine bases for the Long Island power-house.

The Chairman was requested to acknowledge receipt of this letter, stating that the Board approved Mr. Howard's action in this matter.

A second letter from Mr. Howard, under date of February 13 was read, concerning the condition of the work on the power-house at Long Island. He stated that with the Superintendent's approval, he had ordered a drainage trench dug at an additional expense of \$25. He also submitted an estimate by Mr. Logue of \$110 for laying track and building turn-table in coal-bunker and recommended its acceptance. He also stated that the steam piping underneath the Hospital building was in a bad condition, and recommended that it should receive attention.

Voted, That Mr. Howard have authority, in accordance with his letter of February 13, to lay track and build turn-table in coal-bunker at an expense of \$110, and that the expenditure of \$25 for digging drainage trench, in connection with the coal-bunker, be authorized.

A letter from the Superintendent of Long Island, under date of February 16, submitting an estimate of the Repair Division of \$100 for housing of ventilation plant in the men's building, and stating that it is very important that this work should be done immediately, was read.

Voted, That the Superintendent be given authority to expend the sum of \$100 for housing the ventilation plant in the men's building at Long Island.

A second letter from the Superintendent of Long Island, regarding the varying temperature in the hospital, was read.

A letter from the Children's Institutions Trustees, under date of February 8, stating that that Board did not wish to take the responsibility for minors over eighteen, in charge of the Pauper Institutions Department, and that this Board is free to admit or discharge minors over eighteen without communicating with the Children's Department, was read.

The Chairman of the Committee on Registration and Special Cases was requested to write a letter to the Institutions Registrar, stating the policy of this Board in regard to the admission of minors to the institutions under its charge.

A letter from Messrs. Townsoud & Olsen, submitting an estimate for dredging, placing of crib, etc., in connection with the salt water fire service at Long Island, was read.

Voted, That the communication from Messrs. Townsend & Olsen, in regard to dredging, etc., be referred to Mr. William Jackson, City Engineer.

A report of the Committee on Finance was read and approved. Its principal recommendation was that a letter be sent to the Mayor, making a request that loans to the amount of \$77,780 be made to this Department.

The Chairman of the Committee on Registration and Special Cases reported that the question had been raised whether this Board had authority to send any patients to the Rutland Hospital for Consumptives, or whether the support of such patients as the city might send to Rutland should not be assumed by the Overseers of the Poor, rather than by the Pauper Institutions Trustees. This question had been referred to the Corporation Counsel, Mr. Andrew J. Bailey, who this day reports that no patient (admitted to the Rutland Hospital) is a charge upon a city or town unless he is received at the request of the Overseers of the Poor of such city or town, and no other Board has authority to make such request. Mr. William B. Fowler, Chairman of the Overseers of the Poor, had been consulted, informally, as to a special case, and had requested that the case be referred to the Secretary of that Board, to be considered at the next meeting.

The Secretary was requested to write a letter to the Secretary of the Board of Overseers of the Poor, stating the decision of the Corporation Counsel, and requesting that Board to take action on such cases as had been under discussion.

The following appointments, with the monthly salaries stated, were confirmed:

John Fitzpatrick, assistant engineer, \$35; David Westgate, assistant engineer, \$35; Margaret J. Holland, housekeeper, \$30; Joseph S. Goodnow, farmer, \$25; Kate Morrison, cook, \$25; Christine Bell, laundress, \$20; Maria Graham, probationer, \$10; Mary Cowau, ward maid, \$12.

The Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse came before the Board, and reported the transfer to Long Island of an aged couple, on account of the illness of the husband.

The Chairman brought up the question of fire protection at the Charlestown Almshouse, and the great need of fire-escapes at that institution.

Voted, That the Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse be empowered to employ a man as night watchman at a salary not exceeding \$20 per month.

The Superintendent of Long Island came before the Board, and reported that on Thursday evening of last week, Dr. William H. Prescott had given an illustrated lecture at Long Island on Australia for the benefit of the officers and as many of the inmates as could be present.

The Superintendent reported the resignation of J. E. Duffee, employed as carpenter at Long Island, and also reported that Mrs. Holton, head matron at the women's building, had received an offer from the Superintendent of the House of Reformation, on Rainsford Island, and had accepted the position.

The census of inmates for Long Island on February 17 was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In Hospital:			
Adults	81	139	220
Children	11	7	18
Women's building	-	199	199
Men's building	236	-	236
Totals	328	345	673

WALTER HUNNEWELL,

Secretary pro tempore.

Street Laying-Out Department.

Following is an abstract of the records of recent meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Wednesday, March 14.

Hearings were given on petitions before the Board for the widening of Hyde Park avenue and for the laying out of Roseclair street.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out Avon street with the name of Lawton street.

Thursday, March 15.

A hearing was given on petitions before the Board for the laying out of an extension of Brandon street.

Friday, March 16.

Orders were passed taking land for the relocation of Faneuil Valley brook and assessing the cost of the laying out and construction of Merlin street.

An order was received from the Board of Aldermen requesting the Commissioners to report why Bellevue avenue and Walworth street have not been laid out.

A petition was received for a catch-basin in Chestnut street.

Monday, March 19.

Orders were received from the Common Council requesting the Street Commissioners to lay out Walworth street, at West Roxbury; to lay out Gleason street; and for an estimate of the cost of widening Pleasant street.

A petition was received for the laying out of Malvernhurst street.

On advice of the Law Department the sum of \$1,000 was awarded to W. H. Devine for damages occasioned his estate on Quincy street by the laying out of Columbia road.

It was voted to give a hearing in the matter of changes on Board of Survey plans O 60, 61, 62, Plat 8.

Wednesday, March 21.

A hearing was given on the matter of extending Temple street, at West Roxbury, to Centre street.

The assessment for the cost of laying out and constructing Bernard street was levied.

It was voted to give a hearing in the matter of changes on Board of Survey plans Cc 6, 15, 7, Plat 10.

A petition was received for the laying out of Greenwood street.

Thursday, March 22.

An order was received from the Board of Aldermen requesting the Commissioners to make an estimate of the cost of extending Dix place to Tremont street.

A report was made to the Common Council of the cost of widening Pleasant street.

Friday, March 23.

On advise of the Law Department it was voted to award C. H. Fagan \$1,700 for damages occasioned by the laying out of Columbia road.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Awards of Contracts.

Street Department.

Proposals for the collection and removal of dirt, ashes, etc., in the Dorchester district for a term of two years were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on March 5, 1900, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids per year.
John J. Sullivan	\$3,780
M. E. Flynn	3,790
D. D. Flynn { year 1901	3,900
{ year 1900	3,940
John McShane	4,175
David F. Biggs	4,850
D. E. Lynch	6,200

The contract was awarded to John McShane.

Proposals for the collection and removal of dirt, ashes, etc., in the Meeting House Hill district for a term of two years were opened at the office of the Superintendent of Streets on March 21, as follows:

John McShane	\$6,000
W. E. Wilde	6,219
F. J. Mohan	6,387
D. E. Lynch	7,000
David M. Biggs	7,280
D. D. Flynn	7,500
B. J. Crowley. (Bid withdrawn)	4,045

The contract was awarded to John McShane.

B. T. WHEELER,
Superintendent of Streets.

Department Communications.

Bath Department.

The following table shows the number of baths taken daily at the East Boston Gymnasium during the month of January, 1900:

JANUARY.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
1	169	—	—	—	169
2	—	51	—	57	108
3	98	—	122	—	220
4	—	68	—	50	118
5	297	—	—	—	297
6	150	—	265	—	415
7	116	—	—	—	116
8	275	—	—	—	275
9	—	30	—	50	80
10	75	—	200	—	275
11	—	60	—	90	150
12	310	—	—	—	310
13	200	—	215	—	415
14	78	—	—	—	78
15	300	—	—	—	300
16	—	40	—	50	90
17	180	—	95	—	275
18	—	60	—	54	114
19	365	—	—	—	365
20	165	—	250	—	415
21	—	—	—	—	—
22	315	—	—	—	315
23	—	55	—	75	130
24	175	—	140	—	315
25	—	52	—	78	130
26	280	—	—	—	280
27	189	—	315	—	504
28	94	—	—	—	94
29	315	—	—	—	315
30	—	40	—	54	94
31	125	—	150	—	275
Totals	4,271	456	1,752	558	7,037

NOTE.—At this house women and girls are admitted only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

CHARLES F. MORSE, Secretary.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, March 26, 1900.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending March 24, 1900:

Number of chattel mortgages	110
Number of discharges of mortgages	23
Number of assignments of mortgages	8
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	2
Number of bills of sale	3
Number of assignments of wages	46
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	4
Number of ship liens	1
Number of married women's certificates	12

Accident notices were filed as follows:

March 19 — Roland C. Richardson, injury to horse, caused by alleged defect in Kneeland street. Anna Frances Bateman, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in sidewalk on Washington street. Mary J. Taylor, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in highway at the corner of Chapman place and School street.

March 22 — Louise Annie Salfisberg, personal injuries, caused by fall of staging at 32-34 Temple place. Mary F. Edson, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in sidewalk on Templeton way, Dorchester.

E. J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, March 27, 1900.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending March 24, as follows:

Capt. Seth L. Low, of Engine Company 32, Engineer R. L. Mason, of Engine Company 16, and Call-man James Turnbull, of Combination Company 7, have been honorably discharged and their names placed on the pension-roll.

Lieut. R. W. Adams, of Engine Company 21, has been suspended for three days for careless driving of hose wagon while returning to quarters.

Michael J. Sullivan, of Engine Company 40, has been sentenced to forfeit two weeks' pay for neglect of duty, and being slightly under the influence of liquor.

Lieut. T. J. Fitzgerald, of Engine Company 9, and Hoseman F. J. Munster, of Engine Company 10, have been granted veteran's certificates for seven successive years' service in the Department.

J. W. Gardner, of Chemical Company 3, has been granted a day off for meritorious conduct in stopping a runaway horse on Longwood avenue, March 19.

D. J. Doherty, of Engine Company 24, has been granted a day off for meritorious conduct in stopping a runaway horse at Grove Hall, March 19.

The following promotions have been made:

Lieut. John O. Taber, of Ladder Company 13, to be captain of Engine 27; Ladderman Joseph S. Enos, of Ladder Company 8, to be lieutenant of Chemical 2; Assistant Engineer T. A. Andrews, of Engine Company 16, to be engineer of the same company; Ladderman Charles T. Needham, of Ladder Company 6, to be assistant engineer of Engine Company 16.

The following transfers have been made:

Capt. George F. Titus, Engine Company 27 to Engine Company 32; Lieut. Charles W. Conway, Chemical Company 2 to Ladder Company 13; Phil A. Tague, Engine Company 4 to Combination Company 5; Frank Patrick, Engine Company 13 to Engine Company 20; John J. Kelley, Engine Company 20 to Engine Company 4; William F. Heldt, Ladder Company 5 to Engine Company 40; John B. Gildea, Engine Company 25 to Ladder Company 9; John M. Sullivan, Combination Company 3 to Engine Company 25; Timothy J. Hurley, Engine Company 19 to Engine Company 8; John H. Buckley, Engine Company 40 to Ladder Company 8; E. L. Powers, Engine Company 25 to Engine Company 38-39; William H. Harkins, Engine Company 38-39 to Engine Company 25.

Assignments of men on probation have been made, viz.:

Frank Patrick to Engine Company 13, John H. Johnson to Engine Company 19, Thomas J. Feeley to Ladder Company 5, Daniel F. McDonald to Ladder Company 6, Frederick P. Fullerton to Combination Company 3.

B. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders has been promulgated by the Board of Police:

March 20, 1900.

General Order No. 675.

I. Vacations for members of the force for the present year will commence May 1 and end October 30, 1900, and not more than one-twelfth of the total force attached to any division will be allowed on vacation at the same time.

Vacations will commence and end as follows:

No.	Commence 7.45 A.M.	End 7.45 A.M.
1	May 1	May 15
2	May 15	May 29
3	May 31	June 14
4	June 19	July 3
5	July 5	July 19
6	July 19	Aug. 2
7	Aug. 2	Aug. 16
8	Aug. 16	Aug. 30
9	Sept. 4	Sept. 18
10	Sept. 18	Oct. 2
11	Oct. 2	Oct. 16
12	Oct. 16	Oct. 30

II. Reserve officers who have been on the force one year previous to the first of May next will be allowed vacations the same as other officers.

III. Captains of the following divisions will reserve the number of vacations herein stated for Squad 8, whose term commences August 16, 1900, for veterans who desire to attend the Grand Army Convention at Chicago, Ill., August 27, viz.:

Division 2, one; Division 3, one; Division 5, one; Division 6, one; Division 7, two; Division 9, three; Division 11, one; Division 12, two; Division 14, one; Division 16, one; chief inspector's office, three.

IV. Captains may allow members of the Grand Army desiring to attend the G.A.R. Convention to commence their vacations on August 20, and have them report for duty at their respective stations at 7.45 A.M., September 3.

V. The time of taking vacations by officers will be determined by lot on Thursday, March 29.

VI. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman John M. Conboy, of Division 9, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Neglect of duty, leaving his route without permission, and without cause entering a place where intoxicating drinks were sold, the Board finds the said Patrolman Conboy guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of thirty days' pay.

March 21, 1900.

General Order No. 676.

Patrolman Patrick H. Hardy, of Division 16, having performed faithful service in the Police Department for nine years, having arrived at the age of sixty years, being an honorably discharged soldier of the War of the Rebellion, and having requested to be retired from active service under the provisions of Chapter 172 of the Acts of 1898, it is, therefore, hereby

Ordered, That the said Patrolman Hardy be retired from active service in the Police Department, placed upon the pension-roll and allowed the sum of \$600 per annum, to be paid monthly; said sum being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him at

the time of his retirement; said retirement to take effect at roll-call, 5.45 o'clock, Thursday, the twenty-second instant.

March 22, 1900.

General Order No. 677.

I. Reserve Officer Michael J. Quirk, of Division 11, having been commended by his captain and citizens for courage and prompt action in assisting in the rescue of persons from a burning building on Savin Hill avenue, Dorchester, on February 28, current, he is hereby commended in General Orders, appointed a patrolman in the police force of the City of Boston, and assigned for duty on the same division.

He will report at the chief clerk's office, headquarters, at 9.30 o'clock A.M., Friday, the twenty-third instant, to be sworn.

II. Patrolman Charles Hill, of Division 11, having been commended by his captain and citizens for courage and prompt action in assisting in the rescue of persons from a burning building on Savin Hill avenue, Dorchester, on February 28, current, he is hereby commended in General Orders and granted one week's additional vacation.

III. Patrolman Dennis Donovan, of Division 4, having been commended by his captain for courage and good judgment in rescuing a woman from a burning building on Tremont street on January 28, current, he is hereby commended in General Orders and granted two days' additional vacation.

IV. Patrolman Charles F. Bannister, of Division 10, having been commended by his captain and citizens for promptness and diligence in stopping a runaway horse on Washington street, opposite Willard place, on February 22, current, he is hereby commended in General Orders.

V. Reserve Officer Edward J. McHugh, of Division 5, having been commended by his captain for courage and prompt action in arresting a person for assault with intent to rob, on February 24, current, he is hereby commended in General Orders.

VI. Patrolman John L. Morrill, of Division 16, having performed faithful service in the Police Department for twenty-six years, and having been pronounced physically incapacitated by the physician to the Board of Health, it is, therefore, hereby

Ordered, His Honor the Mayor having approved the same, that the said Patrolman Morrill be retired from active service and placed upon a pension-roll with pay at the rate of \$600 per annum, being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him in the office from which he is retired.

VII. In the matter of the complaint made by Edward Carr against Patrolman Charles T. Corey, of Division 4, for violation of Rule XXIV. of the Police Manual, the Board finds the said Patrolman Corey not guilty, and orders the complaint to be dismissed.

VIII. In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Jeremiah A. O'Neil, of Division 6, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Neglect of duty, by leaving his route without permission, and without cause entering a place where intoxicating drinks were sold, the Board finds the said Patrolman O'Neil guilty and sentences him to be dismissed from the police force of the City of Boston.

IX. This order will take effect at roll-call, 5.45 o'clock this afternoon.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, April 9, 1900, at 3 P.M.

Advertisements.**CITY OF BOSTON.****HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.****PROPOSALS FOR COAL.**

Boston, April 5, 1900.

The Trustees of the Boston City Hospital will receive sealed proposals for supplying the Hospital Department with 1,500 tons—2,240 pounds to the ton, more or less—of hard or free white ash, egg size, or hard or free white ash pea coal, to be delivered alongside of the coal-pocket at the City Hospital wharf, Roxbury canal. Bidders must specify the kind or kinds of coal they propose to furnish, and the names of the mines from which the coal is taken.

Delivery must be made within two weeks after award of contract. The relative value of the different kinds of coal offered will be considered in connection with the price. Proposals to be addressed to "The Boston City Hospital, Proposals for Coal," and left at the Superintendent's office at the Hospital, not later than April 9, at 12 o'clock M., at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a properly certified check for five hundred dollars (\$500), and a bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract. The right is reserved by the Trustees to reject any and all bids.

Per order of the Trustees,

G. H. M. ROWE, Superintendent.

CITY OF BOSTON.**BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.****NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.**

Sealed bids for building Section A of the East Boston tunnel, in Maverick square and Lewis street (the section consisting of about 139 feet of open incline and 680 feet of two-track subway), will be received at the office of the Boston Transit Commission, 20 Beacon street, Boston, Mass., until 12 o'clock M. of Friday, April 20, 1900. Plans can be seen and specifications and forms of contract can be obtained at 20 Beacon street, fifth floor. A bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract in a sum of twenty per cent. of the amount.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and reserves the right to award the contract as it deems for the best interest of the City of Boston.

GEORGE G. CROCKER (Chairman),
CHARLES H. DALTON,
THOMAS J. GARGAN,
GEORGE F. SWAIN,
HORACE G. ALLEN,
Boston Transit Commission.
H. A. CARSON, Chief Engineer.
B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

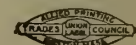
CITY OF BOSTON.**IN BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.**

April 3, 1900.

Ordered, That due notice be given—that this Board are of the opinion that the public necessity and convenience require that an extension of Trinity place be laid out as a highway, from Stuart street to Stanhope street, and constructed, by grading, and covering with pavement, gravel or other material, substantially as shown on a plan of said highway in the office of this Board—that they intend to take the action so required, under the provisions of Chapter 323 of the Acts of 1891 and acts in amendment or addition thereto, and—that they appoint 11 o'clock A.M., of the seventeenth day of April, 1900, and the office of this Board as the time and place for a public hearing in the matter.

A true copy of an order passed this day.

Attest: J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.



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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY.

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS CONFERENCE.

Wednesday, March 28, 1900.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Public Institutions Conference was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Boston, on Wednesday, March 28, 1900, at 3 P.M.

Present: Mayor Hart, Prof. William T. Sedgwick, Institutions Registrar; Peter Morrison, Penal Institutions Commissioner; Mrs. Alice N. Lincoln and Henry Dobbins, Pauper Institutions Trustees; Horatio A. Lamb and Mrs. George F. H. Murray, Trustees for Children; William P. Fowler and Thomas Sproules, Overseers of the Poor, and Dr. Henry C. Baldwin, of the Insane Hospital Trustees.

Mr. Lamb, for the Trustees for Children, submitted the following:

Since the last Conference the Placing-out Division has gone along very smoothly. The greatest care is exercised by this division in regard to the applications made, and a great saving results to the city. Last year, out of 514 applications, 246 were found to have settlements in Boston, and it was found necessary for the city to care for only 108 of these. Out of 528 applications made the previous year (270 having a Boston settle-

ment), 187 were cared for by the city. In reference to the financial results of dispensing with the Marcella-street Home, the Statistical Division, of the Institutions Registration Department, has furnished me with figures showing that the expense for 1899-1900 is considerably less per child than for 1895-1896, when the old method was in force.

The Parental School is still suffering from lack of room. On February 1, 1900, we had 201 boys, or 26 more than on February 1, 1899. The eight school-rooms in the temporary wooden school-house have helped us very much, and we have taken one of the old school-rooms for use as a dining-room; the bakery, which had been used as a dining-room, being now used for its original purpose. There has been some sickness, but there is very little now.

At the House of Reformation we had a fire about a week ago. The ten or twelve boys who were connected with this trouble, and who attempted to escape, had determined to set the whole place on fire. They started fires in five places. Most of the boys were in the chapel at the time, engaged in writing or in their amusements. One boy went into the stable and lighted a match and started a fire. The window of the printing-room had been left unlatched by one of the boys. Another boy, or it may have been the same one, climbed the fire-escape, got in the window, started a fire, and came down the fire-escape again. Another started a fire on the dining-room floor by overturning the kerosene lamps, but this was put out very quickly, the boys escaping. The officers behaved very bravely, but some of the boys did escape and ran up to the Superintendent's house and tried to set that on fire. Mrs. Seavey put out the fire with a small hand extinguisher. The boys were quickly under control, and by 10 o'clock they had been put to bed and everything was quiet. Great credit is due to Mr. Seavey and to his officers, and to Mr. Hopkins, for his prompt action in notifying the Police Department. Had he not done this immediately, it would have been impossible, as the boys cut the telephone wires at once. Our thanks are due to Mr. Gerrish, who came over from Deer Island immediately, and brought several of his men with him. The "John Howard" did excellent work in putting out the fire, and our thanks are due to Captain Sampson and his men. Everything is perfectly quiet there now; but the fact remains that the place has not sufficient fire protection. There is only a four-inch main to the Island, and if the "John Howard" were where it could not get to the Island quickly, we would be very much handicapped in fighting a fire.

As a result of the fire five boys are now in the Charles-street jail, and have confessed to being connected with setting the fires.

There are others who were connected with setting the fires, and it is being ascertained who they are. The five in Charles-street jail have not been punished yet. Two or three of them were connected with the former fire.

Professor Sedgwick said that he had never considered the Island a proper place for such an Institution. Mr. Lamb replied that, so far as he knew, every committee which had visited the Institution coincided with the Trustees in the opinion that the Institution should be removed.

Mrs. Lincoln, for the Pauper Institutions Trustees, submitted the following:

The Trustees of the Pauper Institutions report that since the last quarterly meeting much progress has been made towards the completion of the new power-house on Long Island. Part of the plant is already in operation, steam being used to heat the chapel and portions of other buildings. It has been impossible, owing to the severity of the weather, to establish full connection between the new power-house and the main buildings, and therefore both plants are now in operation, but the old one will be discontinued as soon as the connections can be made. In their request for special loans, the Trustees have asked for a new wing for the Hospital building on Long Island. The physicians of the visiting medical staff have repeatedly urged that better provision should be made for patients suffering from tuberculosis, and that more private rooms should be furnished, by means of which patients having contagious diseases, or those in the last stages of tuberculosis or cancer, could be isolated. It is greatly hoped that the city may realize the importance of this provision for special cases. There are forty-five cases of tuberculosis now in the Hospital, and too much stress cannot be laid on the importance of removing these cases from the general wards.

In addition to this need, the two male wards, A and B, of the Hospital on Long Island are very much overcrowded. Recently these two wards contained ninety-two cases, where in the City Hospital the same space would have been occupied by only about fifty patients. It is needless to state that the proper standard of hospital cleanliness cannot so easily be maintained in wards that are overcrowded, and that the welfare of the patients cannot be so well considered when the accommodations in regard to space and air are cramped.

Owing to the recent epidemic of grip, there have been an unusual number of deaths among the inmates of the Hospital on Long Island, the malady seeming to attack with special severity the aged and infirm and the young children, several of whom have died from pneumonia. Owing to this epidemic, the employment of two extra nurses in the Hospital was authorized, and additional milk for the use of the patients was ordered.

Another request made by the Trustees is for a nurses' home. At present the nurses are accommodated in what is known as the administration building of the Hospital, where the space is naturally limited. They are obliged, by reason of the crowded quarters, to occupy rooms which are needed for isolation rooms and for the use of officers.

The Trustees believe that the interests of Long Island would be best conserved by having the nurses in an entirely separate building, where they would have that rest, change, and refreshment from their arduous duties, which are considered essential in connection with any hospital, but are especially needed in a hospital where so many of the sick are in a chronic or hopeless condition.

The most urgent need which the Trustees have to bring before the Conference, or before the members of the city government, is that fire-escapes shall immediately be provided for the Charlestown Almshouse. A request for fire-escapes has repeatedly been made, and the expense, amounting to \$4,000, is inconsiderable in comparison with the loss of life which might ensue should any fire take place in this old building, where floors and partitions are of wood and means of escape are inadequate, as both staircases are situated near the center of the building, and are so poorly arranged as to be of little more service than one staircase. When it is remembered that this Almshouse contains about one hundred old and feeble persons, the need of greater protection in case of fire is evident, and the lack of proper protection is greatly to be deplored. The representations of the Trustees are re-enforced by a strong letter from Prof. F. W. Chandler, Consulting Architect, under date of April 1, 1899. It is hoped that before the expiration of another three months, this radical improvement of providing fire-escapes for the Almshouse at Charlestown may be made.

At the Charlestown Almshouse, the cases of grip were less severe than at Long Island and no deaths occurred.

A night watchman has been appointed at the Charlestown Almshouse.

Owing to the courtesy of the City Engineer and the Superintendent of Streets, an effort has been made to preserve the trees in front of this building, notwithstanding the fact that the completion of the new Malden bridge will necessitate the widening of the road.

In the month of January, a new omnibus was purchased for use at Long Island, the old one being in an unsafe condition.

The Board would again urge the desirability of the employment of a matron on the steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee." In view of the necessary transportation both to and from the Hospital, of patients who are ill and feeble, the services of a woman are often needed, and would be most gratefully received.

A contemplated improvement in the Institution at Long Island is the employment of

a matron in the men's building. The Superintendent also advises the employment of two women cooks in this building.

In regard to contracts: The contracts for beef and mutton are awarded to J. A. Hathaway & Co., and for salt fish to Caswell, Livermore & Co. The Trustees have decided that it is desirable to buy fresh fish in the open market rather than under contract.

Owing to the winter weather, the completion of the salt-water fire service at Long Island has been delayed, but it is hoped that it will shortly be finished and in operation.

It is gratifying to note that on the occasion of the recent fire at Rainsford Island, the Superintendent and men from Long Island were the first to render assistance.

The Penal Institutions Commissioner stated that it was his intention, as soon as the new appropriation became available, to place a matron on the "Bradlee."

Dr. Baldwin, for the Insane Hospital Trustees, submitted the following:

The census of the Boston Insane Hospital to-day is 498. There are 1,143 insane boarded in the State institutions.

Since the last Conference nothing remarkable has occurred at the Boston Hospital. There have been two bills before the Legislature which directly affect the Insane Hospital. The bill presented by the State Board of Insanity provides for State care in 1904, and that means that the Boston Insane Hospital will then become the State institution for this district if the bill passes. The Insane Hospital Trustees were represented at the hearing and favored State care. The Committee on Public Charitable Institutions, before whom this bill came, requested the State Board of Insanity to inspect the Boston Insane Hospital and report their opinion on the plan of the Trustees for the development of the Boston Hospital. The Committee itself will visit our Hospital this week and it is understood that they will then make their report. The bill of the Trustees for permission to take land by right of eminent domain was presented to the Committee on Cities on March 2. There was no opposition. The Committee has not yet reported.

The future of the Boston Insane Hospital is bound to be important, situated as the Hospital is, in a district where the population within a radius of ten miles, is already a million and a half. There can be no other way but that this Hospital will become the receiving Hospital for this district, and that means that it will become the Hospital to care for the acute insane and the infirm. The immediate plans of the Trustees are for developing the Hospital for this class of cases. For this purpose they have asked an appropriation this year of \$200,000.

Professor Sedgwick, for the Institutions Registration Department, submitted the following:

Satisfactory progress has been made on the statistical side in the preparation of the new registration cards and actual inauguration of their use in the co-ordinated departments. They are already in use in the cases of Pauper, Children and the Insane Departments and the Overseers of the Poor, after careful consideration, have agreed to adopt the same system for the registration of those under their charge.

Only the Penal Institutions now remain to be brought under the same system, and the Commissioner, Mr. Morrison, has already expressed his readiness to consider its early application to the delinquents under his care. It seems likely, therefore, that within a few weeks the registration of all the dependents and delinquents of the City of Boston will have been begun upon a carefully considered and thoroughly scientific plan. The importance of such a system of registration in a modern municipality it would be difficult to overestimate.

Aid has been rendered by the Department to the Trustees for Children and the Pauper Institutions Trustees in the preparation of tabular and statistical matter for their annual reports, and studies are being made for a new method of recording the daily work relating to children. The whole method of keeping account of work in the Children's Institutions Department is also being carefully reviewed.

The most important work done for the Overseers of the Poor has been the tabulation and analysis of 7,237 cases from the Wayfarers' Lodge.

The issuing of passes to Long Island has now been formally transferred to the Institutions Registration Department at the request of the Pauper Institutions Trustees.

Acting also under the instructions of the Pauper Institutions Trustees, and as their agent, the Institutions Registrar has continued to refuse to admit to Long Island able-bodied vagrants who, during this quarter, as during the one just previous, have thereupon either withdrawn their applications or have been sentenced as vagrants by the Municipal Court. The season is at hand when fewer of these sentences should be required and when the annual hegira from pauper institutions may be looked for. There is every reason to believe that this exodus will be much smaller this spring than usual because of the absence of the "rounders," many of whom have not been allowed this year, as hitherto, to use Long Island as a convenient and comfortable winter resort.

The Institutions Registrar is about to issue to the co-ordinated departments, as an experiment, a "Weekly Bulletin," showing the movement of the population in the public institutions of the city and also among Boston cases in State institutions. Blanks for this purpose have been prepared, but inasmuch as it will be necessary to fill these up by hand it is not proposed to issue a greater number than one to each of the co-ordinated departments, and one for the Mayor. A copy will, however, be kept on file in the office of the Department and will be open, with proper precautions, to public inspection. The new system of registration which is now arranged for in all of the Departments, excepting the Penal Institutions, requires a considerable clerical force and seems likely to tax the resources of the Institutions Registration Department in this direction. The present force of the Department has, however, cheerfully undertaken the new work and it is hoped that they may be able to continue it.

Mr. Fowler, for the Overseers of the Poor, stated that the last winter has been an unusually favorable one for the out-door poor; that the number of applications was very much less than a year ago; that the amount

of aid given was considerably less, \$5,000 having been saved on coal and groceries alone; and that the number of inmates in the Wayfarers' Lodge and the Temporary Home for Women and Children has been very much less than a year ago, that the same care is exercised in regard to applications for relief as before. Two new visitors are employed by the Board, one of the former visitors having been elected to the Board of Aldermen and the other having resigned on account of old age.

The Board, said Mr. Fowler, expected soon to receive the bequest of \$25,000, left by the late C. C. Thayer, for Protestant widows and single women. The trust funds in its charge now amount to about \$725,000 and are administered entirely separate from the amount received from taxes.

The Board and the Institutions Registrar, said Mr. Fowler, have agreed upon a form of registration card, similar to that used by the other departments. This the Overseers would use hereafter, and they expected it to be a great benefit to them.

Mr. Morrison, for the Penal Institutions Department, reported as follows:

The Institutions in the charge of my Department are running along nicely. This is especially true of Deer Island. The number of inmates there is rather small, there being only 950 inmates now, whereas there have been as many as 1,500. There is considerable influenza at the present time. Since the last Conference the women's prison has been equipped with the electric lights, and we are now making some improvements upon the Hospital. The observation ward, at Deer Island, will be ready for occupancy in a month or two. I have under consideration the establishment of some sort of an infirmary at the Island, in order that the cripples and infirm persons may have better care.

The Institutions at Deer Island seem to be models, but I cannot say as much for the institution at South Boston. The buildings there are very old, the cells are very small, and I understand that for many years, because of the uncertainty as to whether or no the property would continue to be used for correctional purposes, the amount of money necessary to maintain them in proper condition has not been spent. Everything is clean and comfortable, and the Institution is conducted very well, considering the condition of the buildings. They have accommodations for 600, and there are at present about 500 inmates. If the Institution is to remain at South Boston some improvements in the buildings will have to be undertaken before long.

The practice of sending "observation cases" to Deer Island was discussed, and, on motion of Mr. Fowler, it was

Voted, That it is the sense of this Conference that some provision should be made at the City Hospital for the care of the "observation cases," now sent to Deer Island.

Mayor Hart appointed Professor Sedgwick and Mr. Fowler a committee to present the

above vote to the Trustees of the City Hospital, and to explain to them the considerations which led to its passage.

On motion of Professor Sedgwick, seconded by Mrs. Lincoln, it was

Voted, That Penal Institutions Commissioner, Peter Morrison, be chosen Secretary of the Public Institutions Conference from this time forward.

PETER MORRISON, Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MARKET DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the Market Department for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1900, constituting Document 24—1900, has been submitted to Mayor Hart. The report of the Superintendent may be summarized as follows:

Among many improvements made by the lessees of the markets, without expense to the city, was the construction of the permanent awning of iron and glass around Faneuil Hall Market two years ago. This change has so commended itself to the lessees of the Market-house under Faneuil Hall that, under authority granted by the city government of 1899, they have contracted for, and have now in course of construction, an awning similar to that placed around Faneuil Hall Market. When these awnings are completed there will be about eighty feet covering the entrances to the market, and to Faneuil Hall on the easterly and westerly ends, the expense of which should be incurred by the city.

There is some work needed on the porches and doors leading into the market, which are in bad condition and should be renewed.

In the building, as reconstructed, arrangements were made for a woman's toilet room, which is completed and ready for use. As the city is required to provide such accommodations, in buildings where women are employed, it would be advisable to arrange for the use of the apartments on account of the large number of women employed in the markets at the present time. Provision should also be made for some proper person to be in attendance during the hours in which the hall is open to the public.

The Electrical Construction Division has just completed the rewiring of the basement of New Faneuil Hall Market in the latest methods. The sidewalks around Faneuil Hall which are cared for by the Public Buildings Department, are in bad condition, and should be relaid with a concrete base. The toilet rooms in the basement of Faneuil Hall Market should be renovated, and new and improved sanitary arrangements substituted for those now in use.

The constant digging of the streets around the markets for the laying of new water and gas mains, sewers, cold storage systems, etc., has left them in bad condition, and they should be repaved in the same manner as Commercial and State streets.

There are many repairs needed on the buildings, such as new floors, storm doors, bulk-head doors leading to basements, windows, etc., which are a part of the repairs made at the expense of the city, but owing to a lack of funds in the Public Buildings

Department have been obliged to wait until a more favorable time.

It would be proper at the beginning of the year to set aside such a sum as might be estimated to be necessary for these ordinary repairs on the market buildings, to be used as the occasion may require.

During the year 2,110 pounds of poultry, 373 pounds of fish, 93 pounds of veal, and 210 pounds of mutton were condemned and destroyed as being unfit for food. Large quantities of fruit and vegetables have been sent to the dumping scow.

In view of the regulations of the Sanitary Division, which require dealers to deliver all their refuse to the dumping scow at their own expense, the fee now charged for the privilege of dumping the same should be abolished.

The police assigned for duty at the markets have made 115 arrests.

The income of the Department of Markets for the year ending January 31, 1900, has been as follows:

From rents of stalls and cellars in Faneuil Hall Market	\$65,364 00
From rents of stalls and cellars in new Faneuil Hall Market	18,228 00
From rents of outside stands, Faneuil Hall Market	1,407 00
From weighing fees at city scales, Faneuil Hall Market	576 09
Total income	\$85,575 09

The appropriation for the Department for the year amounted to \$9,550. Of this amount there is an unexpended balance of \$59.26.

ASSISTANT ASSESSORS FOR 1900.

First and second assistant assessors of the city for the year 1900 have been appointed by the Board of Principal Assessors, and approved by Mayor Hart, as follows:

District 1, the whole of Ward 1—First assistant, Charles A. Tilden; second assistant, John Marno.

District 2, the whole of Ward 2—First assistant, Thomas O. McEnaney; second assistant, Paul K. Olufson.

District 3, the whole of Ward 3—First assistant, Benjamin F. Bowditch; second assistant, Charles A. Herbert.

District 4, the whole of Ward 4—First assistant, Dennis G. Quirk; second assistant, Frank M. Estabrook.

District 5, the whole of Ward 5—First assistant, John J. Tague; second assistant, Lucian J. Priest.

District 6, part of Ward 6—First assistant, Matthew Binney, jr.; second assistant, James F. Moriarity.

District 7, part of Ward 6—First assistant, Joseph D. Dillworth; second assistant, Frank J. Lewis.

District 8, part of Ward 6—First assistant, Edwin R. Spinuey; second assistant, Edward A. Rogau.

District 9, part of Ward 7—First assistant, Nathan P. Ryder; second assistant, Michael F. Meagher.

District 10, part of Ward 7—First assistant, Charles B. Hunting; second assistant, Alexander P. Browne.

District 11, part of Ward 7—First assistant, Henry J. Ireland; second assistant, Frederick M. Brinnick.

District 12, part of Ward 8 — First assistant, George W. Carr; second assistant, Thomas J. Dowd.

District 13, part of Ward 8 — First assistant, Thomas C. Butler; second assistant, Simon Goldberg.

District 14, part of Ward 9 — First assistant, John J. Gartland; second assistant, James F. Morgan.

District 15, part of Ward 9 — First assistant, William G. Bail; second assistant, Terence F. Feeley.

District 16, part of Ward 10 — First assistant, Charles J. Dowd; second assistant, John H. Snow.

District 17, part of Ward 10 — First assistant, Harry O. Alexander; second assistant, Hugh D. Montague, jr.

District 18, part of Ward 11 — First assistant, Frederick H. Temple; second assistant, Joseph A. Neal.

District 19, part of Ward 11 — First assistant, George Warren; second assistant, Jerome J. Crowley.

District 20, the whole of Ward 12 — First assistant, Timothy W. Murphy; second assistant, Joseph Emanuels.

District 21, part of Ward 13 — First assistant, William H. Cuddy; second assistant, George A. Peckham.

District 22, part of Ward 13 — First assistant, Roger H. Scannell; second assistant, Joseph F. Ripp.

District 23, the whole of Ward 14 — First assistant, John C. Cook; second assistant, Michael J. Hurley.

District 24, the whole of Ward 15 — First assistant, Charles O. Burrill; second assistant, William A. Wilson.

District 25, part of Ward 16 — First assistant, William B. Smart; second assistant, William H. Allen.

District 26, part of Ward 16 — First assistant, A. Glendon Dyar; second assistant, John S. McDonough.

District 27, the whole of Ward 17 — First assistant, Thomas H. Boud; second assistant, John F. Kendrick.

District 28, the whole of Ward 18 — First assistant, Edward F. Dolan; second assistant, John P. Geishecker.

District 29, part of Ward 19 — First assistant, James P. Fox; second assistant, John J. Sullivan.

District 30, part of Ward 19 — First assistant, John H. Donovan; second assistant, George W. Crocker.

District 31, part of Ward 20 — First assistant, Aaron Wolfson; second assistant, Daniel J. Daly.

District 32, part of Ward 20 — First assistant, James I. Moore; second assistant, John L. Stiles.

District 33, part of Ward 21 — First assistant, Alonzo F. Andrews; second assistant, Louis Burkhardt.

District 34, part of Ward 21 — First assistant, John H. Griggs; second assistant, Irving P. Gammon.

District 35, part of Ward 22 — First assistant, John E. Heslan; second assistant, Walter E. Merriam.

District 36, part of Ward 22 — First assistant, Frank S. Pratt; second assistant, William Doonan.

District 37, part of Ward 23 — First assistant, Edward P. Butler; second assistant, James F. Dowling.

District 38, part of Ward 23 — First assistant, John H. Giblin; second assistant, James A. Coutts.

District 39, part of Ward 23 — First assistant, Michael F. Dolan; second assistant, Clinton P. Duryea.

District 40, part of Ward 24 — First assistant, Daniel A. Downey; second assistant, William N. Goodwin.

District 41, part of Ward 24 — First assistant, Joseph T. Preston; second assistant, Joseph A. Singler.

District 42, part of Ward 24 — First assistant, Francis N. Plummer; second assistant, John A. Dillon.

District 43, part of Ward 25 — First assistant, Benjamin M. Fiske; second assistant, Patrick F. Carley.

District 44, part of Ward 25 — First assistant, George W. Warren; second assistant, J. Harris Aubin.

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION.

Boston, April 2, 1900.

A meeting of the Cambridge Bridge Commission was held Monday, April 2, 1900, at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Boston, at 12 M.

Present: All the members.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, it was

Voted, That the United States Government, having given its consent by an Act of Congress to the construction of the new Cambridge bridge without a draw, the Chief Engineer and the Architect of the Commission be requested to submit for the approval of the Commission a plan for the construction of the bridge without a draw.

On motion of Commissioner Leavitt, it was

Voted, That the Chief Engineer, Architect and Assistant Engineer be authorized to visit the cities of New York and Philadelphia for the purpose of inspecting bridges in those cities.

EDGAR R. CHAMPLIN, Secretary.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that examinations for the position of vaults, safe and lock expert, in the office of the supervising architect, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., at a salary of \$1,400 per annum, and for the position of librarian in the Treasury Department at a salary of \$1,200 per annum, will be held in this city on May 2, 1900; also that examinations for the grade of clerk, Class 2, Treasury Department, at a salary of \$1,400 per annum (this position requiring a knowledge of financial history, monetary science, as well as the elements of political economy) and the position of translator, mint bureau, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., at a salary of \$1,400 per annum, will also be held in this city on May 8, 1900.

Application forms and information concerning these examinations can be obtained from the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., or from E. E. Stebbins, Secretary, Civil Service Board of Examiners, Room 141, Post Office building, Boston.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, April 9, 1900, Chairman O'Brien presiding, and all the members present.

The following messages from the Mayor were received:

Safety of Broadway Bridge.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 5 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Superintendent of Streets in answer to your request for a report as to the condition of the railings on Broadway extension bridge is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, April 3, 1900.

TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

Returning herewith order of the Board of Aldermen that the Superintendent of Streets be requested to report as to the safe condition of the railings at Broadway extension bridge, to said Board, referred to me for report, I beg to say that I have had an examination made, and find that some of the fascia has been removed and one post bent. This has been ordered attended to, and the fence is in safe condition.

Respectfully submitted,

B. T. WHEELER,

Superintendent of Streets.

Placed on file.

Report of Conference Committee — Commerce of Boston.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 9 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: You will receive with this the report of the committee pursuant to your order of 12 March, for the purpose of conferring with the New York Central on the foreign commerce of this port.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

Boston, April 5, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: The committee appointed by you to confer with the officials of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company in reference to what they propose to do to develop the foreign commerce of the City of Boston, in case they obtain a lease of the Boston and Albany Railroad, respectfully report as follows:

Your committee immediately upon receipt of their appointment wrote to the President of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company stating the purpose for which they had been appointed, and asking for a conference.

After the lapse of a week your committee received from Mr. S. R. Callaway an acknowledgment of the receipt of their letter, together with a statement that the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company has not yet made any definite plans in reference to the development of foreign commerce in connection with the Boston and Albany Railroad, and that no plans have been discussed by that company. Mr. Callaway further states that in view of his inability to give any information whatever upon the matter referred to our committee, he cannot see any advantage to be gained by a conference at this time.

In view of the statements contained in this letter, your committee believe that it is useless to pursue their inquiry further.

As no information on the subject is forthcoming from the management of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, your committee beg leave to suggest that if the people of the City of Boston wish to get any definite assurances as to the future development of the commerce of Boston, it will be necessary to ask the Legislature of Massachusetts to qualify any approval of the lease of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the insertion of certain conditions which shall properly protect their interests.

Your committee would suggest that the interests of the City of Boston might be protected by some or all of the following conditions:

(1.) That the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company shall expend a certain definite sum of money, not less than \$5,000,000, within a certain period in the development of terminals at the water front in Boston.

(2.) A provision insuring to Boston the same rates upon freight over the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad system to or through Boston that is charged on similar shipments to or through New York when such shipments are from Albany or points west thereof. As these rates are now the same, it would be no burden to insist that they should never be reduced to New York without an equal reduction to Boston. A similar provision should be made in regard to west bound freight.

(3.) Some provision that shall control the amount of earnings which may be made out of the Boston and Albany Railroad franchise to the end that any surplus may be applied to the improvement and development of the property, and for the welfare of the City of Boston and of the entire State.

(4.) A referendum to the popular vote at the next election which would give to the people of the State a chance to express their opinion as to the advisability of permitting a lease of one of their main transportation routes to a New York corporation for the

next ninety-nine years. As there seems to be a great uncertainty in the public mind as to whether the commerce of Boston is to be benefited or injured, the discussion incident to such a referendum might result in a more safe and correct final decision.

We append full copies of the correspondence with Mr. Callaway.

E. PEABODY GERRY,
FRANCIS A. OSBORN,
ANDREW G. WEBSTER,
JOSEPH STONE,
GEORGE U. CROCKER.

Boston, Mass., March 28, 1900.

S. R. CALLAWAY, Esq., President New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company.

DEAR SIR: The Mayor of the City of Boston, at the request of the Board of Aldermen, has appointed E. Peabody Gerry, Gen. Francis A. Osborn, Andrew G. Webster, Joseph Stone and George U. Crocker as a committee to "confer with the officials of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company in reference to what they propose to do to develop the foreign commerce of this city, in case they obtain a lease of the Boston and Albany Railroad."

The committee would be glad to have a conference at an early date, and will meet the officials of your company in New York at such time as may suit your convenience.

Very respectfully,

G. U. CROCKER, Secretary.

NEW YORK CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD COMPANY,

New York, April 2, 1900.

MR. GEORGE U. CROCKER, No. 19 Milk Street, Boston, Mass.

DEAR SIR: I am in receipt of your letter of the twenty-eighth ultimo, advising me of the appointment of yourself and others as a committee to confer with the officers of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company in reference to what they propose to do to develop the foreign commerce of the City of Boston in case they obtain a lease of the Boston and Albany Railroad.

Permit me to say in answer that this company has not yet made any definite plans in reference to the development of foreign commerce in connection with the Boston and Albany Railroad. For many years the Boston and Albany Railroad Company have maintained a close connection, and with the growth of business the facilities for both properties have been gradually increased. They were desirous that this process should not be checked and believed that the development of traffic and the facilities for handling it would be much more rapid and certain if a permanent connection were secured through a lease for ninety-nine years, but the particular measures to be adopted have never been the subject of discussion. The movement of grain and other freight to the seaboard is so great as to tax all terminal facilities to the utmost, and require constant improvement, but the officers of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company are much better advised than the officers of this company as to the character and extent of the improvements which will be required or desirable to Boston.

In view of my inability to give any information whatever upon the matter referred to your committee, I cannot see any advantage to be gained by a conference at this time, but if you still desire it, I will be glad to meet you at any time upon a few days' notice.

Yours truly,

S. R. CALLAWAY.

In connection with the foregoing the following preamble and resolutions, offered by Alderman Gerry, were adopted by a unanimous vote:

Whereas, President Callaway of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad replies to this Board and the citizens of Boston through the committee of five representative citizens appointed by His Honor Mayor Hart, in reference to what that corporation proposes to do to develop the foreign commerce of Boston in case they obtain a lease of the Boston and Albany Railroad, that the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company has not as yet made any definite plans in reference to the development of foreign commerce in connection with the Boston and Albany Railroad; and

Whereas, He replies that the particular means to be adopted have never been discussed, although he states his belief that the development of traffic and the facilities for handling business would be much more rapid and certain if a permanent connection were secured through a lease for ninety-nine years; and

Whereas, Notwithstanding his acknowledged belief in the importance of this subject his company has made no definite plans or even discussed it; and

Whereas, He sees no advantage to be gained on account of his inability to give any information by a conference upon one of the most important subjects which ever arose in the history of Boston and Massachusetts; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen of Boston do express it as their opinion that the said lease should not be granted until Boston does receive some positive and definite assurances that her commercial prosperity will be safeguarded.

Resolved, That the recommendations of the Committee be accepted and approved and that the Committee be requested to draft amendments to House Bill No. 36, in accordance with their recommendations, and that they be further requested to present the amendments to the Joint Legislative Committee on Railroads and to urge their adoption.

Target Practice — M.V.M.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 9 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: Enclosed is a communication from the Inspector-General of Rifle Practice of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, requesting that the customary arrangements for target practice be made.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS —
THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF RIFLE
PRACTICE.

Boston, April 7, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: I have the honor to suggest that immediate provision should be made by the proper authorities of the City of Boston for the target practice for the current season of the militia commands therein stationed, comprising six batteries of heavy artillery, fourteen companies of infantry, two troops of cavalry, and five divisions of the Naval Brigade — an approximate aggregate, including the several headquarters, of 1,800 officers and men. It is highly important that the practice of these troops should begin by the first of May next. In this connection I beg to call your attention to the provisions of Section 90, Chapter 367, Acts of 1893, prescribing penalties for such cities and towns as may neglect to provide range facilities for the local militia.

In 1899, owing to the reorganization of the militia consequent upon its period of active service, an appropriation of four thousand (4,000) dollars proved sufficient for the practice of the Boston troops. For the current year an appropriation of five thousand (5,000) dollars will be required. This sum will cover the items of target-hire at Walnut Hill range, the transportation of troops to and from the range. As a matter of mutual convenience — though the Department is not required to assume this duty — it has been customary for the Inspector-General of Rifle Practice to control the allotment made by the City of Boston for rifle practice, approving all bills rendered against the city on this account. You will confer a favor by informing me if you desire this custom to continue.

I most respectfully request that you may bring this matter to the immediate attention of the proper committee, since delay in acting upon it will seriously affect the efficiency of the troops concerned.

Very respectfully,

JAMES A. FRYE,

Colonel and I. G. R. P., Mass.

Referred to the Committee on Armories.

Condition of Armory Building.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 9 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF
ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Adjutant-General of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, enclosing a letter from the Inspector-General in reference to the condition of the East Armory building, is transmitted herewith for your consideration. Under Stat. 1893, Chap. 367, Sect. 90, the duty of providing a "suitable armory" for the militia commands stationed in a city rests with the Mayor and Aldermen of the city.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS —
ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., April 6, 1900.

HIS HONOR THE MAYOR OF BOSTON.

DEAR SIR: I have received the enclosed letter from the Inspector-General, M. V. M., which I forward to you for your consideration and action.

Very respectfully,

SAMUEL DALTON, Adjutant-General.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS —
INSPECTOR-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT,

Boston, Mass., April 6, 1900.

BRIG.-GEN. SAMUEL DALTON, Adjutant-General.

SIR: I have the honor to state that the armory provided by the City of Boston for Company D, 9th Regiment Infantry, is found by this Department to be entirely unsuitable for the purpose. Its occupancy by said company is distinctly detrimental to the proper maintenance of discipline and self-respect among the members.

It is not well situated; the drill-hall is gloomy and entirely too small. The locker-room is inadequate and the lavatory accommodations are very poor. In short the whole armory is a discredit to the city and a great discouragement to the company. I recommend the removal of this company to the East Armory at once. I also recommend that all payments to the City of Boston for rent of the armory be forthwith stopped.

Very respectfully,

J. L. CARTER, Inspector-General.

Referred to the Committee on Armories.

Constables Appointed.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 9 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF
ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: Subject to the confirmation by your Honorable Board, I hereby appoint the following-named persons Constables of the City of Boston, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1900. Commissions of Constables not named herein will expire on 30 April, 1900, and such Constables are hereby removed from office from and after 1 May, 1900.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

CONNECTED WITH OFFICIAL POSITIONS.

Richard F. Andrews, John H. Banks, Charles A. Belford, Daniel F. Breen, Carlan A. Brown, John B. Cadigan, W. W. Campbell, D. E. Carmody, John F. Clark, W. A. Coburn, William P. Cook, Frank B. Cotton, Thomas A. Crawford, Thomas J. Donnellon, Aaron A. Dugan, William L. Drohan, Cornelius A. Dumas, Charles H. Filisetti, Thomas Folger, Elijah D. Foss, Henry Fox, John J. Franey, John F. Harrigan, Charles P. Harrington, George E. Harrington, Joseph M. Harrington, John J. Henry, George M. Hosmer, Gustavus B. Hutchinson, Thomas Jordan, James P. Keliher, Samuel Kelley,

Edward A. Kennedy, James M. Kilroy, Edward J. Leary, James F. McCarthy, John B. McDonough, James E. Norton, James J. O'Brien, James O'Connor, James A. O'Donnell, Thomas J. O'Neil, Alvah H. Peters, Alvin I. Phillips, Patrick F. Reddy, John H. Riley, John Robie, B. Franklin Sanborn, Henry J. Schenck, Charles J. Smith.

TO SERVE WITHOUT BONDS — TRUANT
OFFICERS.

George W. Bean, Henry M. Blackwell, James Bragdon, Frank Hasey, John T. Hathaway, David F. Long, John McCrillis, George Murphy, Amos Schaffer, William B. Shea, Warren J. Stokes, Daniel J. Sweeney, Charles E. Turner, Richard W. Walsh, John H. Westfall, Charles B. Wood, Charles S. Woollindale.

PROBATION OFFICERS.

Nathaniel Leonard, at Charlestown; Calvin A. Littlefield, at East Boston; George N. Parker, at South Boston; William A. Blossom, at Roxbury.

WITH SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION OF CRUELTY
TO CHILDREN.

Edwin R. Smyth, Monsier D. Mann, William R. Critcherson.

WITH SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION OF CRUELTY
TO ANIMALS.

Lemuel B. Burrill, Charles F. Clark, James Duckering, James R. Hathaway.

WITH ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.

John B. F. Emery.

NOT CONNECTED WITH OFFICIAL POSITIONS.

William Adams, Charles A. Bancroft, Clarence B. Benedict, Austin Bigelow, Joseph H. Blatt, John F. Bowen, Solomon Birds, Benjamin F. S. Bullard, James M. Carter, William H. Chick, James J. Clark, Michael Cangiano, Charles H. Cole, John J. Conroy, George W. Crawford, James H. Cruff, James W. Currier, George C. Davis, Horace Dennie, Henry H. Dewey, Robert J. Dooley, George G. Drew, John A. Duggan, Thomas A. Dunn, Richard H. Eustis, Peter P. Fee, Thomas Fee, William E. Fitzgerald, Francis Gargan, Charles G. Goussebaire, Sears H. Grant, Abner C. Gray, George W. Green, Charles A. Grover, Joseph Guttentag, George H. Hamlin, Francis F. Harrington, John W. Holmes, Edward L. Hopkins, Charles E. House, Lewis J. N. Hurie, Edwin Jaquith, Horace A. Jordan, Clarence G. Kellogg, Gusteen I. Kenerson, William H. Kenney, George E. Kerr, Russell R. Knapp, Clarence H. Knowlton, Joseph A. Langone, James F. Larkin, Morris F. Lewenberg, George M. Locke, William H. Lyon, Thomas F. Malone, William A. Mason, George R. Matthews, James McDonough, Michael McEleney, Joseph I. McLaughlin, Robert McLeish, Arthur P. Moran, James J. Morgan, John Mundy, John F. Murphy, George H. Nason, Osborn A. Newton, Isaiah Paine, jr., George F. Pierce, Benjamin F. Powell, William H. Powers, John G. Ray, Peter H. Reinsteiner, Robert Reid, Felice A. Reppucci, Thomas D. Roberts, Nathaniel G. Robinson, John J. Rogers, George Henry Royce, George J. Ryan, Charles A. Savery, William A. Sheehan, Henry W. Shepard, Abraham T. Silber-

stein, Morris Silverstein, Frederick L. Smith, Forest E. Starr, Arthur A. Stinson, Calvin Stowe, William H. Swift, Frederic S. Walker, John J. Walsh, James H. Waugh, Victor Weimar, Ernest L. Weis, Henry S. Worrall, George L. Wrighton, Frank Yennaco.

Referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, and ordered printed.

Payment of Reward.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 9 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: The papers transmitted herewith indicate that the city may properly redeem the promise of a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Di Blasi, who killed James M. Ellis.

Unless a better way be found, I recommend that the reward be paid, that it be charged to the Street Department, that the money be paid to the Board of Police to be paid by them to such persons as they may think right, and that the Board of Police be requested to report its action.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

POLICE DEPARTMENT,

Boston, April 5, 1900.

ROBERT F. CLARK, Esq., Chairman Board of Police, Boston.

DEAR SIR: Relative to the enclosed communications from His Honor the Mayor, Thomas N. Hart, and from R. Brindisi, consular agent of Italy, I make the following report:

On the twenty-third of May, 1898, James M. Ellis, who was in the employ of the Street Department, City of Boston, was shot and killed, in Pitts-street place, by Antonio Di Blasi, Ellis being in discharge of his duties.

An investigation was made by this Bureau and we learned that Di Blasi had escaped from the city. I thought best that circulars, with a description and photograph of Di Blasi, requesting his arrest, should be issued and a consultation between Superintendent Eldridge, Captain Savory and myself was held in relation to the issuing of the same. A rumor had been circulated, at about this time, that the city government had offered, or was to offer, a reward of \$500 on account of Ellis being in the employ of the city at the time the shooting took place, and also because it was considered a very brutal affair. If this was a fact, we wanted the announcement of the reward a part of the circular and it was thought best that some sort of authorization should be received before embodying it in the circular. Superintendent Eldridge telephoned Mayor Quincy's office and inquired whether any action had been taken by the city government regarding the offering of a reward for Di Blasi's arrest.

In consequence of the conversation that the Superintendent held with some one connected with the Mayor's office he informed

us that it was all right to offer a reward in the circular, and go ahead and do it. The circular was accordingly issued, and read as follows:

POLICE DEPARTMENT. — \$500 REWARD.

Boston, May 25, 1898.

We hold warrant for the arrest of Antonio Di Blasi, alias Antonio De Brose, a native of Termini Merese, Province of Palermo, Sicily, Italy, charged with the murder of James M. Ellis, who was shot on the twenty-third day of May, 1898, in Pitts-street place, this city.

His description is as follows: Thirty to thirty-two years of age; five feet nine and a half to ten inches in height; 155 to 160 pounds in weight; dark complexion, hair and moustache, long featured; when last seen, wore a gray mixed sack coat and vest; dark pants; gray cap, similar or the same as coat; occupation, a fruit pedler or buyer.

If found, arrest, charge with murder, wire me and I will send officer with necessary papers for him.

The above reward will be paid for the arrest or for information leading to the arrest and conviction of this man.

Any information regarding his whereabouts will be thankfully received.

BENJAMIN P. ELDRIDGE,

Superintendent of Police.

A number of thousands of these circulars were mailed throughout the United States and Italy. One of these circulars reached the hands of Luigi Pastore, a police official at Palermo, Italy, and he, from information furnished him, as shown further on in this report made the arrest and is now one of the claimants for the reward.

The arrest was made known to this Department by a cablegram as follows:

February 5, 1899.

C. S. G. 1 Palerme 10 Eldridge Supt. Police, Boston.

Di Blasi arrested,

(Signed)

CHURCH HOWE,

American Consul.

Later, a letter, confirming the cablegram, was received, reading as follows:

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Palermo, Italy, February 8, 1899.

BENJAMIN P. ELDRIDGE, Esq., Superintendent of Police, Boston, Mass.

MY DEAR SIR: I cabled you on the fifth instant informing you of the arrest of Antonio Di Blasi, alias Antonio De Brose, wanted in Boston for the murder of James M. Ellis. Herewith I enclose photograph of Di Blasi, together with that of Luigi Pastore, Delegato di Publica Sicurezza of Palermo, who was instrumental in apprehending and arresting Di Blasi, and Guiseppe Spalla, Brigadiere di Publica Sicurezza, a subordinate officer, who accompanied Delegate Luigi Pastore to Torremuzza and assisted him in making the capture.

Di Blasi takes his arrest good naturedly, admits his identity and is quite talkative. His story may interest you.

He admits the shooting of Ellis and gives the following as his version of the affair: He was standing before his shop when Ellis

came along and seeing a lot of dirt or rubbish on the sidewalk orders him, Di Blasi, to remove it. He informed Ellis that the dirt was not of his making, but came from the tenement above, having been thrown from the window, and he, Di Blasi, refused to obey Ellis' command, whereupon Ellis commenced to strike him with his club, and he, Di Blasi, drawing his revolver from his hip pocket, shot and wounded Ellis in the eye. After being wounded Ellis grabbed him with his left hand and was drawing his revolver with his right hand and he, Di Blasi, seeing that he was going to be shot fired again, killing Ellis. He justifies his action claiming it was done in self defense.

After the shooting he escaped and was kept secreted by friends and relatives in and around Boston, but finally reached New York and embarked on the S.S. "Fulda" June 19, landing at Naples in due time and arriving at Palermo, July 2 or 3, where he remained two days, then by rail to Termini Imerese, remaining there one day. From there going to Tusa Marina, remaining eighteen days, thence to Torremuzza, Province of Messina, and went to work as a fisherman, where he was captured.

If I can be of any further service, command me.

Sincerely yours,

CHURCH HOWE,

United States Consul.

In the course of the investigation, an immense amount of correspondence was sent out, and received, by this Bureau. From information received by me, from a party whose name has not been known up to the present time, letters were written, on June 6, 1898, to the Chiefs of Police of Naples, Termini Imerese (Province of Palermo, Sicily) and Genoa (see letter-book 13, pages 507-9), stating that we believed that Di Blasi was in Italy, having taken passage on steamer from New York on May 28. On July 1, another letter was written to the Chief of Police, Termini Imerese, giving him information as to the steamer Di Blasi sailed on and his arrival at Naples; also the name of his mother and father, and where they lived. (See letter-book 13, pages 613-4.) Another letter, dated August 4 (see pages 772-3 same book), was sent to the Chief of Police, Termini Imerese, giving him information regarding a letter received by his, Di Blasi's, wife's mother, Antonette Di Blasi, living at 18 Norman street, in which Di Blasi stated that he had arrived at Pescaria, was then in Torremuzza, Province of Messina, and intended to go to Tusa Marina and asked him to arrest. This information, we find, from later disclosures, was correct with the exception that the names of the towns were transposed. On October 18, I wrote a letter to the Chief of Police, Termini Imerese (see page 60, L. B. 14), giving information that Di Blasi was in a small town named Torremuzza, Province of Messina, where he was employed on a fish boat, and referred to my letter of July 1, which contained the same information, and asked them to arrest. As it transpired that Di Blasi was arrested at Torremuzza, Province of Messina, and the information having been already given me that he was there by this party, although unknown, it is my opinion that he ought to receive a portion of any reward paid.

In consequence of information received by me from an Italian of this city, one Antonio Cassette, I wrote a letter, under date of December 10, 1898, to William H. Seymore, supposing him to be the United States Consul at Palermo, Sicily (see page 285, L. B. 14), but it was received by Mr. Church Howe, who had superceded Mr. Seymore.

This letter contained information to the effect that Cassette had just returned from Italy; that while he was in Italy he had met Di Blasi, whom he knew in Palermo; that Di Blasi had sailed from New York on June 18, arriving at Naples, July 1, Palermo, July 2, and Termini Imerese, July 5; that he had made arrangements to meet Di Blasi later, but had informed the Chief of Police at Palermo that he had seen Di Blasi and that he was wanted in Boston for murder; that the police official told him that they knew of that, having received a circular from this Department, and that Di Blasi was, without doubt, in a place called Tusa Marina under the name of Luigi.

The receipt of the cablegram announcing the arrest, and the letter confirming that fact, as already mentioned in this report, were the next events of importance in the case.

This Casette, and his counsel, have interviewed me and said that he is entitled to the reward, or a portion of it. If this reward is to be paid there will be a number of claimants. If the reward is ever paid, I consider Casette and the unknown party, who might be willing to appear if necessary, should receive a portion of the reward for giving information which led to the arrest by the Italian authorities. I base this opinion on account of the circular reading "for the arrest or for information leading to the arrest and conviction of this man."

Upon receipt of these communications from your Board, I began an investigation as to the authenticity of the reward. I interviewed Captain Savory, and he informed me that he recollected, clearly, the fact that he was instructed by Superintendent Eldridge to announce the \$500 reward in the circular. We both called on the Superintendent, and he remembers calling up the Mayor's office and talking with some person there, and in consequence of this conversation he ordered the issuing of the circular and announcement of the reward. I had inquiries made at the City Clerk's office and was informed that there was no record on file of any action taken by the city government regarding a reward.

While thinking the matter over, I recalled the fact that I procured a certificate, through Inspector Howard of this Bureau, from Mayor Quincy on March 14, 1899. I carried this with me when I sailed for Europe on the next day, March 15. My reason for getting this certificate was to show it to the American Legation at Rome, and to the Italian authorities. I left it, on my returning, with Mr. Church Howe, United States Consul at Palermo, as he wished to have it to satisfy the people that a reward had been properly offered. Enclosed in this report is a copy of this certificate, and I have written to have the original returned. From all that I can learn at City Hall, no action was taken by the city government to ratify the payment of this reward, although the Mayor certified to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM B. WATTS, Chief Inspector.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

City Hall, March 14, 1900.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I hereby certify that a reward of five hundred (500) dollars has been offered for the arrest or for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Antonio Di Blasi, alias Antonio De Brose, charged with the murder of James M. Ellis, who was shot on the twenty-third day of May, 1898, in Pitts-street place, in this city, and that the said amount of five hundred (500) dollars will be paid to the proper person upon his conviction.

JOSIAH QUINCY,

Mayor of the City of Boston.

REGIA AGENZIA CONSOLARE D' ITALIA,

Boston, Mass., March 30, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: A circular was issued on the twenty-fifth of May, 1898, by the Superintendent of the local police, promising a reward of \$500, to be paid by the City of Boston, for the arrest or information leading to the arrest of Antonio Di Blasi, who killed J. M. Ellis on the twenty-third of May, 1898, in this city.

Di Blasi was arrested in Italy by the police officer Luigi Pastore and sentenced by the Criminal Court of Messina to six years' imprisonment; so that it seems that the said Pastore is entitled to the reward, and he claims its payment through this office. I have been informed, however, that another party claims a part of the reward for having furnished information which led to the arrest of Di Blasi; therefore, I request you to kindly notify me whether there is any objection to the payment of the whole sum to Mr. Pastore, and if so, whether he needs to appoint a lawful attorney to present his claim, or not.

Respectfully yours,

R. BRINDISI,

Consular Agent for Italy.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 31 March, 1900.

ROCCO BRINDISI, Italian Consulate, Boston.

Letter of 30, March claim of Luigi Pastore for \$500 in re Di Blasi, respectfully referred to Honorable Board of Police, with request to return the letter and a suitable answer. This office has no information upon the subject.

Very respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

In connection with the foregoing the following was offered by Alderman Dixon:

Ordered, That the sum of \$500 be paid to the Board of Police, to be by them paid to such person or persons as they may think to be entitled to the reward offered for the arrest or for information leading to the arrest and conviction of Antonio De Blasi, alias Antonio De Brose, charged with the murder of James M. Ellis, a foreman in the Sanitary Division of the Street Department, who was shot on the twenty-third day of May, 1898; said sum of \$500 to be charged to the appropriation for Street Department, Sanitary Division.

Referred to the Committee on Police.

Reinstatement of Suspended Park Laborers.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 9 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Park Commissioners in answer to your order requesting them to reinstate the laboring men now under suspension is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

PARK DEPARTMENT,

Jamaica Park, April 9, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: We duly received the enclosed order from the Board of Aldermen, requesting you to instruct us to reinstate the suspended laborers of this Department.

The Commissioners would be most pleased to make this reinstatement and will do so just as soon as we receive some money for construction.

Early in February we asked the Mayor and City Council for \$50,000, explaining the imperative need of money for keeping the men at work, but we have heard nothing from our request.

We have reinstated fifty-five men for two or three weeks during the planting season, but after that we shall be obliged to suspend them again, with some others, unless we are provided with some money for construction.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Placed on file.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following was approved April 4, 1900:

Ordered, That the Municipal Register be printed by the Superintendent of Printing, under the direction of the Joint Special Committee on Rules and Orders, when appointed, and that they also prepare a pocket edition of the rules and orders and a list of the members and committees; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for printing.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved April 4:

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

Allston Council No. 268, Royal Arcanum, transparency, Braintree street, Ward 25.

Arthur C. Lord, watch sign, 3708 Washington street, Ward 23.

D. Shikes, transparency sign, 1109 Columbus avenue, Ward 19.

J. George H. Ivey, sign, 6 Lenox street, Ward 18.

Samuel Bornstein, sign, 8 Appleton street, Ward 10.

Isaac Pond, two barber poles, 152½ Castle street, Ward 9.

United Shirt and Collar Company, two signs, 68 Essex, corner Chauncy street, Ward 7, one over each street.

Lindsay & Harris, illuminated sign, 26 Bromfield street, Ward 7.

Huntt & Co., illuminated sign, 109 Tremont street, Ward 7.

Tarbett Phemister Company, sign, 172 Oliver street, Ward 7.

Warren J. Robinson, sign, 35 Hartford street, Ward 7.

Permits to J. B. Gould & Co. and the Glaister Manufacturing Company for licenses to store and keep for sale oils or fluids, composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, at 138 and 140 Green street, Jamaica Plain, and 114 Broad street, respectively.

Permit to William F. Murray, jr., et al. for the use of Faueuil Hall on April 4, 1900.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Paris street, Ward 2, in front of the gymnasium; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of brick, with granite edgestone, and report to this Board a schedule of the cost thereof, for assessment under Chapter 401 of the Acts of 1892.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets make a sidewalk along Ashland street, southerly side, between Mill and Park streets, Ward 24, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built of gravel, with granite edgestone, and report to this Board a schedule of the cost thereof, for assessment under Chapter 401 of the Acts of 1892.

Ordered, That the territory of the City of Boston be divided into three street-watering districts as shown on a plan marked "City of Boston, Street-watering Districts, 1900, B. T. Wheeler, Superintendent of Streets," on file in the office of said Superintendent, and that the owners of estates abutting on public ways or parts thereof, in said districts, shall pay an assessment per linear foot of their estates so abutting, to be used for watering each way, or part thereof, to the same extent and in the same district as follows:

In District No. 1, eight cents per linear foot; in District No. 2, four cents per linear foot; in District No. 3, three cents per linear foot.

The following were approved April 6:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets made by M. W. Haddock; said poles to be located as follows:

Dorchester avenue, four poles; height and diameter of poles not to exceed forty-five feet by sixteen inches; width of sidewalk, nine feet; date of plan, March 29, 1900.

Ordered, That permission be further granted to said company to remove from Dorchester avenue, three poles shown by blue circles on said plan.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and

occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating and removing said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Orders for sidewalks in front of estates, as follows:

Charles F. Fredey, 325 Longwood avenue, Ward 19; John J. Haley, corner of Ridge street and Brown avenue, Ward 23; Harvey N. Shepard, corner of Townsend and Hazelwood streets, Ward 21; estates 53-63 Stanwood street; estate on west side of Highland street, between Milmont and Dorr streets, Ward 21.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Norcross Brothers to erect, maintain and use guy-posts with the necessary ropes attached, as follows:

One at or near 42 High street, one at or near 264 Purchase street, one at or near 166 Summer street, two on Federal street, between Purchase and High streets; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1900, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to William Pray to erect, maintain and use a guy-post, with the necessary ropes attached, in and over Congress street, at or near No. 340 on said street, Ward 13; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1900, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

The following were approved April 5:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Charles D'Arcy to construct, maintain and use a bulkhead opening five feet by four feet, with a wooden cover, under and in sidewalk in front of estate 262 Meridian street, Ward 1; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1900, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to estate of J. P. Monks to construct, maintain and use an area three feet nine inches by one foot six inches, with a cover of iron grating, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate on the corner of Broad street and No. 2 India square, Ward 7; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1900, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

March 24, 1900.

General Order No. 678.

Reserve Officer Henry C. Wadleigh, of Division 1, having been commended by his captain for diligence shown in arresting a person for false registration and illegal voting at the municipal election, December 15, 1899, he is hereby commended in General Orders.

March 26, 1900.

General Order No. 679.

The following-named persons are hereby appointed reserve police officers of the City of Boston under the provisions of Chapter 177 of the Acts of 1887, and assigned for duty as follows:

Division 1—George S. McCard.

Division 2—John B. Dolliver, Matthew B. Hopkins and Charles A. Kihlgren.

Division 4—Arthur E. Fitts, Albert H. Hopkins and Patrick J. McLaughlin.

Division 11—Timothy S. L. Ellis.

Division 15—George H. Dickinson.

Division 16—Frederick G. Brauer and William H. Hyde.

March 27, 1900.

General Order No. 680.

Patrolmen Michael H. Cronin and William J. Aitken, of Division 6, having been commended by their captain for diligence shown in arresting a person for illegal voting at the municipal election in December last, they are hereby commended in General Orders.

March 28, 1900.

General Order No. 681.

Reserve Officer George N. Whitney, of Division 4, having served the necessary probationary term, and having passed a satisfactory examination to make him eligible for appointment on the permanent force, he is hereby appointed a patrolman in the Police Department of the City of Boston, and assigned for duty at the same division. This order will take effect at roll-call, 5.45 o'clock, this afternoon. He will report at the clerk's office at 9.30 o'clock A.M., Thursday, the twenty-ninth instant, to be sworn.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

LEGISLATIVE BILL.

In the House of Representatives.

The Committee on Cities, to whom was referred the bill, introduced on leave by Representative McCarthy, of Boston, to authorize any city of the Commonwealth to establish death benefit and retirement funds for their employees, reported on April 6 that the same ought to pass in a new draft (House bill No. 1,228) which relates solely to the City of Boston, as follows:

An Act to Provide for an Employees' Retirement Fund in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Upon the passage of this act, an employees' retirement fund shall be created in the City of Boston which shall consist of:

(a.) A permanent fund, made up of gifts and legacies specifically given to said fund, and a sum set apart by the board of trustees.

(b.) A general fund, made up of gifts and legacies not specifically given to the permanent fund, amounts retained from the salaries of employees under the provisions of this act and the interest derived from the permanent fund. The general fund may be drawn upon, for the purposes of this act, by the board of trustees in its discretion.

Sect. 2. This act, excluding teachers in the public schools, members of the police and fire departments, and persons serving without compensation, shall include all employees of the City of Boston, clerks, laborers and others who are appointed, not elected, and who are appointed not for a temporary purpose. The act shall apply to all persons appointed after its passage, and to such persons above defined in the employment of the city at the time of its passage as may elect to come within its provisions and shall signify such election by written notice thereof to the Mayor.

Sect. 3. The Mayor of the City of Boston and four employees of the city, being persons to whom this act applies, shall constitute the board of trustees. The Mayor shall hold office ex-officio, and the other members shall be chosen as follows: At the first annual meeting of the employees of the City of Boston who are included in this act which shall be held on the last Saturday of October, in the year 1900, there shall be elected by ballot two employees who shall hold office for a term of one year, and two who shall hold office for a term of two years; and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary in each case for an election. This meeting shall be called by the Mayor after due notice to all the employees of the City of Boston included in this act, at such hour and place as he shall designate. Annually thereafter, at a meeting duly called by said board of trustees, on the last Saturday in October, two employees shall be elected in the same manner for terms of two years. Said board shall organize by adopting rules of its own, not inconsistent with this act, and in case of a vacancy in its membership shall have power to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term.

Sect. 4. Said board shall have control of said retirement fund, investing the same only in such securities as savings banks are authorized by law to invest in. Said board shall receive and consider all applications for annuities under this act, and shall determine, direct and order payment of the same. Said board shall keep complete records of the receipts and disbursements on account of this fund, and a complete list of all annuitants, and shall make a report of the same at each annual meeting of the employees in October. All necessary expenses incurred by said board in carrying out the provisions of this act shall be paid out of said retirement fund in accordance with votes of the board. The members of said board shall serve without compensation. If at any time any member of said board shall cease to be in the employment of the city, his membership in said board shall thereupon cease.

Sect. 5. The City Treasurer, under the direction of the board of trustees, shall be the custodian of said retirement fund, and shall make payments therefrom as ordered by said board. He shall receive such compensation for his services and clerk hire, not exceeding \$1,500 per year, as the board of trustees shall determine, and said sum so determined shall be appropriated for that purpose by the City Council of the City of Boston.

Sect. 6. Beginning with the monthly payments in November, 1900, the City Treasurer of the City of Boston shall reserve from the salary of each employee

who has come under the provisions of this act a sum equivalent to one-thirtieth of his pay for a month, and, in every alternate monthly payment thereafter shall reserve the same sum, and shall pay the sums so reserved into the employees' retirement fund, as herein provided; but in case the employment of any such person ceases within two months after his coming under the provisions of this act, for any reason except his own misconduct, any sums so reserved shall be repaid to him.

Sect. 7. Annuities shall be paid:

(a.) To employees coming within the provisions of this act who, having served the city for twenty years or more, and having been contributors to said fund, retire or are discharged from such service, and

(b.) To employees coming within the provisions of this act who, having served the city for two years or more, and having been contributors to said fund, have become incapacitated for wage earning and have been discharged; provided, that a certificate of such incapacity be furnished by the attending physician and by a physician employed by the board of trustees; and provided, further, that the annuity shall cease when the incapacity ceases.

Sect. 8. Annuities paid under clause (a) of Section 7 shall correspond in amount with those paid under clause (b); and every annuitant under this act shall receive the same percentage of his yearly salary at the time of his retirement which every other annuitant receives. The trustees shall determine from time to time what percentage can safely and properly be paid out of the retirement fund; and annuities shall be paid according to such determination.

Sect. 9. Any employee who has been a contributing member for two years or more, who shall retire from the service of the City of Boston shall, upon application within three months after the date of such retirement, receive one-half of the total amount paid by him into said fund.

Sect. 10. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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11. S. B. 71, an Act to establish the salary of the clerk of the Municipal Court of the Roxbury District of the City of Boston, p. 66.	Public Service. Jan. 31.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. H (HB 1155)	Apr. 2.	Apr. 5.	Apr. 9. S.				
12. S. B. 72, an Act to establish the salary of the assistant clerk of the Municipal Court of the Roxbury District of the City of Boston, p. 66.	Public Service. Jan. 3.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. H (HB 1156)	Apr. 2.	Apr. 6.					
13. S. B. 73, an Act relative to certain grade crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 66.	Railroads. Jan. 31.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 12. S. (S.B. 134)	Mch. 13.	Mch. 14. Am.	Mch. 16. H.	Mch. 26.	Mch. 27.	H. Mch. 28. S. Mch. 30.	App. Apr. 3.
14. S. B. 76, an Act to provide for the laying out and construction of Carleton street, in the City of Boston, p. 66.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 13. H. (S.B. 76)	Feb. 14.	Feb. 16.	Feb. 20. S.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 26. Am.	H. Mch. 5. S. Mch. 6.	App. Mch. 9.
15. S. B. 84, an Act relative to the power of the School Committee of the City of Boston, p. 97.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 28. H (H B 1169)	Mch. 30.	Apr. 3.	Apr. 4. S.	Apr. 5.	Apr. 9.		
16. S. B. 85, an Act relative to the Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 66.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 19. Closed.	Feb. 21. S. (L.W.)							
17. S. B. 86, an Act relative to the Assessors of the City of Boston, p. 98.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 19. Closed.	Feb. 21. S. (L.W.)							
18. S. B. 87, an Act relative to the presiding officers and clerks of the Common Council and of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, and to the City Clerk of said city, p. 66.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 19. Closed.	Feb. 21. S. (L.W.)							
19. S. B. 89, an Act to provide for primary elections in the City of Boston, p. 67.	Election Laws. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Mch. 27. H (HB 1157)							
20. S. B. 90, an Act relative to the nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 98.	Election Laws. Feb. 1.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L.W.) S. B. 90 sub. in S. Mch. 15	Mch. 19. Rej.						
21. S. B. 103, an Act relative to the improvement of Stony Brook, in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
22. S. B. 110, an Act relative to the lease of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, p. 67.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Mch. 9. Closed.								
23. S. B. 115, an Act to establish a public market and public forum in the City of Boston, p. 67.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 20. Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 6. S. (L.W.)							
24. S. B. 117, an Act relative to the bequest of the late Charlotte Harris to the Charlestown Public Library, p. 98. (See also No. 40.)	Libraries. Feb. 14.	Mch. 19. Closed.	Mch. 22. H (HB 1140)	Mch. 26.						

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25. S. B. 136, an Act relative to Malden bridge, p. 179.	Metropolitan Affairs. Mch. 20.	Apr. 4. Closed.								
IN THE HOUSE.										
26. H. B. 2, an Act to incorporate the City Trust Company, p. 98.	Banks and Banking. Jan. 10.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H.(H.B.2.)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 5.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.
27. H. B. 22, an Act to regulate the price of gas in the City of Boston, p. 37.	Manufactures. Jan. 10.	Mch. 2, 7, 12, 14, 28, Apr. 4, 11.								
28. H. B. 32, an Act to extend the time for filing petitions for the assessment of damages accruing from the alterations of the grade crossing of Dorchester Avenue in the City of Boston and the Old Colony Railroad, p. 37.	Railroads. Jan. 10.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H.(H.B.32)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 5.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.
29. H. R. 33, a Resolve relative to the assumption of possession of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth, p. 37.	Railroads. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.								
30. H. B. 36, an Act to authorize the lease of the Boston and Albany Railroad to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, p. 37.	Railroads. Jan. 10.	Mch. 1, 21, 29, Apr. 5, 12.								
31. H. B. 37, an Act relative to appeals in case of the taking of land as private property by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, and to confirm its takings of land as private property in the County of Suffolk, p. 37.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 23. Feb. 6, 8. Closed.	Mch. 29. H(H B 1181)	Apr. 4.	Apr. 10.					
32. H. B. 97, an Act relative to the establishment of gas and electric light plants by the City of Boston, p. 37.	Manufactures. Jan. 11.	Feb. 21, 23. Apr. 10.								
33. H. R. 99, a Resolve relative to the purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth, p. 38.	Railroads. Jan. 11.	Jan. 24, 31. Closed.								
34. H. B. 114, an Act relative to the nomination of Mayor in the City of Boston and Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 38.	Election Laws. Jan. 12.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 28. H.(N.G.C.)							
35. H. B. 160, an Act to provide for the appointment of a Police Commissioner and a Board of Excise Commissioners for the City of Boston, p. 38.	Liquor Law. Jan. 15.	Feb. 14. Closed.	Mch. 21. H.(L.W.)							
36. H. B. 161, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside its debt limit to erect school-houses in Ward 22 in said city, p. 39.	Cities. Jan. 16. To Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 17.	Feb. 23, 26. Closed.								
37. H. B. 179, an Act relative to the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen in Boston, p. 39.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Jan. 25. Closed.	Jan. 25. H.(N.P.)							
38. H. B. 180, an Act relative to the President of the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 39.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Jan. 25. Closed.	Jan. 25. H.(N.P.)							
39. H. B. 192, an Act to incorporate the Boston Life Assurance Company, p. 40.	Insurance. Jan. 17.	Jan. 30. Closed.	Mch. 15. H(H B 1097)							
40. H. B. 198, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's and Chandler's ponds in the City of Boston and City of Newton, p. 51. (See also No. 76.)	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 17.	Jan. 26. Closed.	Mch. 7. H.(L.W.)							
41. H. B. 204, an Act to provide for the transfer of the Harris collection of the Charlestown Public Library to the Central Library of the City of Boston, p. 51. (See also No. 24.)	Judiciary (House). Jan. 18.	Jan. 30. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (N. P.)							
42. H. R. 208, a Resolve in favor of submitting to a popular vote the question of State ownership of the Boston and Albany Railroad, p. 51.	Railroads. Jan. 19.	Feb. 9. Closed.								
43. H. B. 217, an Act to incorporate the Johnson Buildings, p. 53.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 18.	Jan. 31. Closed.	Feb. 5. H.(H.B.943)	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	Feb. 13. S.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 20.	H. Feb. 23. S. Feb. 28.	App. Mch. 2.
44. H. B. 224, an Act relative to subways and tunnels in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 18.	Jan. 30. Feb. 27. Closed.	Mch. 2. H.(L.W.)							
45. H. B. 260, an Act relative to granting liquor licenses in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Liquor Law. Jan. 22.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 26. H.(N.P.)							
46. H. B. 293, an Act relative to the Boston Fire Department, p. 51.	Cities. Jan. 23.	Feb. 12. Closed.	Mch. 15. H.(L.W.)							
47. H. B. 295, an Act relative to the registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Election Laws. Jan. 23.	Feb. 8. Closed.	Feb. 28. H.(L.W.)							
48. H. B. 296, an Act to define residence as a requisite for voting in the City of Boston, p. 52.										
49. H. B. 298, an Act to provide for a high-school building in the Charlestown District of the City of Boston, p. 52.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	Feb. 23. Closed.								

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60. H. R. 308, a Resolve to confirm the acts of Charles W. Whittier as a Justice of the Peace, p. 52.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 23.	Jan. 30. Closed.	Jan. 30. H (H.R.308)	Jan. 31.	Feb. 2.	Feb. 6. S.	Feb. 7.	Feb. 8.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.
61. H. B. 321, an Act in addition to an act to incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company in the City of Boston, p. 52.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 23.	Feb. 2. Closed.	Feb. 5. H (H.B.347)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7.	Feb. 9. S.	Feb. 12.	Feb. 13.	H. Feb. 15. S. Feb. 19.	App. Feb. 20.
62. H. B. 325, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Catherine C. Dodge, p. 52.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 26. Closed.	Mch. 15. S. (N. P.)							
63. H. B. 326, an Act relative to the Metropolitan Water Board, p. 52.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 24.	Jan. 31. Feb. 6. Closed.	Feb. 8. H. (L. W.)							
64. H. B. 337, an Act relative to the pensioning of war veterans who are members of the Fire Department of the City of Boston, p. 52.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 5. Closed.								
65. H. B. 343, an Act to provide for the construction of a hospital in East Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 24.	Feb. 6. Closed.	Feb. 16. H (H.B.399)	Feb. 19.	Feb. 23.	Feb. 27. S.	Mch. 1. Rej.			
66. H. B. 355, an Act to incorporate the Marine Park Tower Company, p. 53.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 24.	Feb. 9. 13. Closed.	Mch. 21. H (HB 1123)	Apr. 3. Rej.						
67. H. B. 370, an Act to authorize the Lexington and Boston Street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property, p. 53.	Street Railways. Jan. 30.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 28. H (HB 1172)	Apr. 6.						
68. H. B. 371, an Act to authorize the Fitchburg Railroad Company to take lands in Boston for freight purposes, p. 53.	Railroads. Jan. 25.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
69. H. B. 375, an Act relative to the improvement of Stony brook in the City of Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 25.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
60. H. B. 386, an Act to regulate the price of gas in that portion of the City of Boston known as East Boston, p. 53.	Manufactures. Jan. 25.	Mch. 2, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28. Apr. 4, 11.	Feb. 14. H (H.B.397)							
61. H. B. 397, an Act to authorize and direct the Metropolitan Park Commission to acquire Fuller's wharf, in Brighton, as a part of the Charles-river reservation, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 25.	Feb. 6. Closed.								
62. H. B. 411, an Act relative to the fares charged by any street railway operating in the City of Boston, p. 68.	Street Railways. Jan. 26.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 9. H. (L. W.)							
63. H. R. 417, Resolutions relative to an appropriation by the Congress of the United States for the improvement of Boston Harbor, p. 68.	Federal Relations. Jan. 29.	Feb. 2. Closed.	Feb. 2. H (H.R.417)		Feb. 6. Ad.	Feb. 8. S.		Feb. 9. Ad.		
64. H. B. 420, an Act to regulate the price of gas in the City of Boston, p. 68.	Manufactures. Jan. 29.	Mch. 2, 7, 14, 19, 28. Apr. 4, 11.	Feb. 7. H. (L. W.)							
65. H. B. 434, an Act to further define the duties of Boards of Registrars of Voters in all the cities of the Commonwealth, p. 68.	Election Laws. Jan. 29.	Feb. 7. Closed.								
66. H. B. 435, an Act to extend the time for building the Boston, Quincy and Fall River Bicycle Railway, p. 68.	Street Railways. Jan. 29.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Feb. 26. H (H.B.435)	Mch. 1.	Mch. 2.	Mch. 6. S.	Mch. 7.	Mch. 9.	H. Mch. 13. S. Mch. 15.	App. Mch. 16.
67. H. B. 441, an Act to require the Metropolitan Park Commission to rebuild the bridge over the Neponset river, between Blue Hills parkway in the Town of Milton and Mattapan square in the City of Boston, p. 69.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 29.	Feb. 6. Closed.								
68. H. B. 443, an Act in favor of Anna W. Wason, p. 69.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 16. Closed.	Mch. 16. H (H B 1103)	Mch. 19.	Mch. 20.	Mch. 22. S.	Mch. 23.	Mch. 26.	H. Mch. 28. S. Apr. 2.	App. Apr. 3.
69. H. B. 449, an Act to provide rooms in the City of Boston in which to hold the Probate Court of Norfolk County in certain cases, p. 69.	Counties. Jan. 29.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 20. H (H.B.449)	Mch. 21.	Mch. 23.	Mch. 27. S.				
70. H. B. 478, an Act to exempt the estate No. 13 Compton street in the City of Boston from the operation of the building laws, p. 69.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 9. Closed.	Mch. 28. S. (L. W.)							
71. H. B. 495, an Act to regulate the distribution of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 69.	Liquor Law. Jan. 30.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 26. H. (L. W.)							
72. H. B. 499, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside of its debt limit to erect a municipal building in South Boston, p. 70.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13. Closed.								
73. H. B. 515, an Act to extend the time for filing petitions for the assessment of damages accruing from the location and construction of railroads under the provisions of the Act to provide for a South Union station, p. 70.	Railroads. Jan. 30.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 19. H. (L. W.)							
74. H. B. 516, an act relative to the Boston and Suburban Express Company, p. 70.	Street Railways. Jan. 30.	Mch. 9, 27. Closed.								

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75. H. B. 528, an Act to revise the charter of the City of Boston, p. 70.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Apr. 4.	Apr. 4. H.(N.G.C.)							
76. H. B. 537, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's and Chandler's ponds by the Metropolitan Park Commission, p. 71. (See also No. 40.)	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 13. Closed.	Mch. 13. H.(N.G.C.)							
77. H. B. 540, an Act relative to the disposition of fees for the solemnization of marriages received by the City Registrar or Assistant City Registrar of the City of Boston, p. 71.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 31.	Feb. 26. Closed.	Mch. 26. S.(N.G.C.)							
78. H. R. 545, a Resolve relative to the building known as the Westminster Chambers in the City of Boston, p. 71. (See also No. 81.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 6. Closed.								
79. H. B. 551, an Act to promote the location and construction of freight tracks on the Commonwealth flats in South Boston, p. 71.	Harbors and Public Lands. Jan. 31.	Feb. 20, 26. Mch. 2, 9. Closed.								
80. H. B. 561, an Act to rebuild the Broadway bridge in the City of Boston, p. 71.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 13. Closed.								
81. H. B. 567, an Act relative to the building at the corner of St. James avenue and Trinity place in the City of Boston, p. 71. (See also No. 78.)	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 6. Closed.								
82. H. B. 568, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of William J. Ryan, p. 71.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 26. Closed.								
83. H. B. 576, an Act to authorize the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company to establish a guaranty capital, p. 71.	Insurance. Jan. 31.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Mch. 16. H(HB.1105)	Mch. 19.	Mch. 26.	Mch. 28. S.	Mch. 29.	Apr. 2. Am.	H. Apr. 6. S. Apr. 10.	App. Apr. 11.
84. H. B. 579, an Act relative to the hiring of laborers by the City of Boston, p. 72.	Labor. Jan. 31.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
85. H. B. 587, an Act to provide for the construction of the esplanade on Charles river, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 14. Closed.	Feb. 19. H.(L.W.)							
86. H. B. 598, an Act relative to the appointment of pilots and Pilot Commissioners for Boston harbor, p. 72.	Judiciary (House) Jan. 31.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 20. H.(L.W.)							
87. H. B. 600, an Act relative to the appointment of court officers in the municipal courts in the County of Suffolk, p. 99.	Judiciary (House) Jan. 31.	Mch. 1. Closed.	Apr. 2. H(H.B.600)							
88. H. B. 606, an Act to provide for additional subways in the City of Boston, p. 72.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 12, 22, 29, Apr. 5. Closed.								
89. H. R. 608, a Resolve to confirm the acts of James E. Leach as a Justice of Peace, p. 73.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 31.	Feb. 19. Closed.	Feb. 19. H(H.R.608)	Feb. 20.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 26. S.	Feb. 27.	Feb. 28.	H. Mch. 2. S. Mch. 6.	App. Mch. 7.
90. H. B. 621, an Act relative to expenses of medical examiners and other county officers, p. 73.	Counties. Feb. 1.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 26. H. (L.W.)							
91. H. B. 622, an Act relative to caucuses in the City of Boston, p. 73.	Election Laws. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Mch. 27. H(HB.1157)							
92. H. B. 631, an Act relative to the pensioning of war veterans who are members of the police force of the City of Boston, p. 74.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 8. H.(N.P.)							
93. H. B. 638, an Act relative to parkways in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
94. H. B. 639, an Act to direct the Boston Transit Commission to widen Pleasant street in the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15, 27, Mch. 12, 22, 29, Apr. 5. Closed.								
95. H. B. 640, an Act to provide for establishing a playground to meet the wants of Wards 15 and 16 of the City of Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
96. H. B. 654, an Act relative to the advertising of legal notices in the County of Suffolk and City of Boston, p. 74.	Judiciary (House) Feb. 1.	Mch. 1. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (N.P.)							
97. H. B. 660, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside the debt limit for the purpose of completing its public parks, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
98. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the crossings of railroads and public ways in East Boston, p. 74.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Mch. 9, 19, 27, Apr. 2, 11.								
99. H. B. 676, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to establish and maintain an industrial school, p. 99.	Cities. Feb. 1. To Education. Feb. 7	Feb. 23, 28. Closed.	Mch. 8. H(H.B. 676)	Mch. 9.	Mch. 12.	Mch. 14. S.	Mch. 15.	Mch. 16.	H. Mch. 20. S. Mch. 22.	App. Mch. 23.

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100. H. B. 678, an Act relative to the School Committee of the City of Boston, p. 83.	Education. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21, 27. Closed.	Mch. 21. H.(N.G.C.)							
101. H. B. 679, an Act to establish a School-house Department in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Education. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21, 27. Closed.	Mch. 21. H.(N.G.C.)							
102. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the number of liquor licenses which may be issued by cities and towns, p. 99.	Liquor Law. Feb. 1.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (L. W.)							
103. H. B. 688, an Act to provide for the creation and disbursement of a public school janitor's retirement fund in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Mch. 19. H. (L. W.)							
104. H. B. 689, an Act to incorporate the South Bay Wharf and Warehouse Company, p. 84.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 7. Closed.	Apr. 3. H.(H.B.1202)							
105. H. B. 690, an Act to provide for the construction of additional subways in the City of Boston, p. 84.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 27. Closed.	Mch. 12. H. (L. W.)							
106. H. B. 691, an Act to regulate the erection and maintenance of school buildings in the City of Boston, p. 140.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 23, 26. Closed.	Mch. 19. H. (L. W.)							
107. H. B. 693, an Act relative to the parks, parkways and boulevards of the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 6. H. (L.W.)							
108. H. B. 694, an Act relative to streets and lands in the neighborhood of parks, parkways and boulevards in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 6. H. (L.W.)							
109. H. B. 713, an Act to abolish fees for dog licenses in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Probate and Insolvency. Feb. 1.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H.(H.B.713)	Feb. 21.	Feb. 23.	Mch. 1. S.	Mch. 15. Rej.			
110. H. B. 723, an Act relative to Back street in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 1. To Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 8.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 5. H.(H.B.723)	Mch. 6.	Mch. 8.	Mch. 12. S.	Mch. 13.	Mch. 15.	H. Mch. 19. S. Mch. 20.	App. Mch. 23.
111. H. B. 726, an Act for the purchase by the Commonwealth of the road, franchise, property, rights and privileges of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, p. 85.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 27. Mch. 20, 21, 23. Closed.								
112. H. B. 729, an Act to enlarge the Board of Railroad Commissioners and to purchase the Boston and Albany Railroad, p. 85.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Mch. 20, 21, 23. Apr. 2. Closed.								
113. H. B. 740, an Act to amend Section I of Chapter 353 of the Acts of 1892, relative to pensioning members of the Police Department of the City of Boston, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	Mch. 8. H. (N. P.)							
114. H. B. 746, an Act to provide fenders on certain conveyances operating in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. Mch. 6, 13. Closed.	Mch. 15. H. (N. P.)							
115. H. B. 748, an Act relative to the election of aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 14. Closed.	Apr. 3. S. (N. P.)							
116. H. B. 752, an Act relative to the appointment of constables in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 6. H. (L.W.)							
117. H. B. 756, an Act relative to the appointment of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Mch. 5. H. (N.P.)							
118. H. B. 758, an Act to provide for the care and support of the insane by the Commonwealth, p. 86.	Public Charitable Institutions. Feb. 2.	Apr. 10. Closed.	Apr. 10. H. (N. P.)							
119. H. B. 772, an Act relative to the construction of tenement-houses in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Mch. 1, 9, 13. Closed.	Apr. 4. S.(S.B.157.) T in S Apr 5 T T Apr 10 Mch. 20. H. (L.W.)							
120. H. B. 775, an Act relative to registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 87.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
121. H. B. 776, an Act relative to names upon the voting lists of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 26. H.(H.B.1151)	Mch. 26.	Apr. 4.	Apr. 5. S.	Apr. 10.			
122. H. B. 784, an Act to incorporate the First Motor Vehicle Company, p. 88.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13, 14. Closed.	Mch. 21. H. (L.W.)							
123. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston to lay out and construct a bicycle path across the Common, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L.W.)							
124. H. B. 788, an Act relative to the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Mch. 7.	Mch. 7. H.(N.G.C.)							
125. H. B. 789, an Act relative to the system of playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 16. Closed.								

BILLS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON, IN PROGRESS OF PASSAGE, BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE, 1900.—Concluded.

TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Dates of Hearings.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Sent to Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted.	Action by Governor.
126. H. B. 796, an Act relative to pensioning medical examiners of the County of Suffolk, p. 88.	Public Health. Feb. 2. To Public Service. Feb. 7.	Mch. 9. Closed.	Mch. 9. S. (L.W.)							
127. H. B. 802, an Act to limit all steam railroads to a five-cent fare within the limits of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 28. H. (L.W.)							
128. H. B. 804, an Act to authorize persons qualified to vote for Governor to vote at the next State election on the question of the purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth, p. 100.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	Mch. 6. Closed.								
129. H. B. 825, an Act relating to the Probate and Insolvency Court for the County of Suffolk, p. 100.	Public Service. Feb. 2.	Mch. 8. Closed.								
130. H. B. 830, an Act relative to the appointment of inspectors of milk for the City of Boston, p. 100.	Agriculture. Feb. 5.	Mch. 7. Closed.	Mch. 14. H. (N.P.)							
131. H. B. 832, an Act relative to the opening of streets in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2, 12. Closed.	Mch. 14. H. (N.P.)							
132. H. B. 844, an Act relative to membership of Metropolitan commissions, p. 100.	Public Service. Feb. 5.	Feb. 20. Mch. 8. Closed.	Apr. 4. H. (N.P.)							
133. H. B. 845, an Act to provide for minority representation on the Metropolitan commissions, p. 101.	Public Service. Feb. 15.	Feb. 20. Mch. 8. Closed.	Apr. 4. H. (N.P.)							
134. H. B. 848, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 28. H. (N.P.)							
135. H. B. 851, an Act relative to extension of system of the Boston Elevated Railway Company in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Street Railways. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 5. H. (N.P.)							
136. H. B. 866, an Act relative to the limitation of height of second class buildings in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 9, 13. Closed.	Mch. 28. H. (L.W.)							
137. H. B. 867, an Act relative to the construction of cellars in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 9, 13. Closed.	Apr. 2. S. (S.B. 155)	Apr. 3.	Apr. 4.	Apr. 6. H.				
138. H. B. 876, an Act to regulate the election of caucus officers in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Election Law. Feb. 5.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 15. H. (L.W.)							
139. H. B. 879, an Act relative to pilots on tugboats engaged in towing vessels bound to or from certain ports within the limits of Boston harbor, p. 101.	Harbors and Public Lands. Feb. 5.	Feb. 28. Mch. 8, 13, 20. Closed.								
140. H. B. 882, an Act to provide for the appointment of a Board of Excise for the City of Boston, p. 101.	Liquor Law. Feb. 5.	Feb. 14. Closed.	Mch. 21. H. (L.W.)							
141. H. B. 883, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to take additional land for the purpose of caring for the insane, p. 102.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Apr. 4. S. (S.B. 156)	Apr. 5.						
142. H. B. 893, an Act to regulate the price of gas in that part of the City of Boston known as Charlestown, p. 102.	Manufactures. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28. Apr. 4, 11.								
143. H. B. 914, an Act to exempt the City of Boston from the provisions of the civil service laws, p. 102.	Public Service. Feb. 5.	Mch. 13, 20, 22, 27, 30.	Apr. 3. S. (L.W.)							
144. H. B. 919, an Act to regulate railroad fares in the suburban district of Boston, p. 102.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 28. H. (H B 919)	Apr. 5.						
145. H. B. 920, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban district of Boston, p. 102.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 30. H. (H B 1193)	Apr. 4.						
146. H. B. 924, an Act to provide for a Greater Boston by permitting towns and cities adjoining to be annexed by concurrent vote, p. 120.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 5.	Mch. 7. Closed.								
147. H. B. 927, an Act relative to the rate of taxation and indebtedness of the City of Boston, p. 121.	Taxation and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2, 15, 19. Closed.								
148. H. B. 939, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to license business brokers, p. 121.	Judiciary (House.) Feb. 5.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
149. H. B. 942, an Act to provide for a Board of Elections for the City of Boston, p. 103.	Election Laws. Feb. 5.	Feb. 28.	Feb. 28. H. (L.W.)							
150. H. B. 974, an Act relative to pensioning of members of the police force of the City of Boston, p. 121.	Cities. Feb. 9.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 30. H. (H B 1191)	Apr. 6. Am.						
151. H. B. 1024, an Act to change the name of the House for the employment and reformation of boys in Suffolk County and for other purposes, p. 122.	Prisons. Mch. 22.	Apr. 2. Closed.	Apr. 3. H. (H B 1205)	Apr. 4.						

H., signifies House; S., Senate; B., Bill; R., Resolve; (N. P.), Ought not to Pass; (L. W.), Leave to Withdraw; N. G. C., Next General Court; Rej., Rejected; Am., Amended; App., Approved; Ad., Adopted; Sub., Substituted; T., Tabled; T. T., Taken from Table.

Department Communications.

Building Department.

Old Court House, February 12, 1900.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending February 10, 1900:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Disap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	-	12	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	5	
2...	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
4...	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	3	
6...	-	7	-	-	-	7	4	12	25		
7...	-	4	-	1	-	4	1	12	51		
8...	1	4	-	-	1	4	1	14	2		
9...	-	2	-	-	-	2	1	2	8		
10...	1	2	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	19	
11...	1	4	-	-	-	3	-	6	14		
12...	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	13	15		
13...	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2		
14...	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	
15...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	
16...	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	6		
17...	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	2		
18...	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	12	9		
19...	3	1	-	-	1	-	4	3	7		
20...	2	-	-	-	3	-	4	1	28		
21...	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	6		
22...	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	8		
23...	4	-	-	-	3	-	2	1	8		
24...	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	12		
25...	1	-	-	-	1	1	4	-	8		
T'ls.	20	41	2	2	3	7	42	26	94	252	

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, April 2, 1900.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending March 31, 1900:

Number of chattel mortgages	108
Number of discharges of mortgages	25
Number of assignments of mortgages	5
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	4
Number of bills of sale	6
Number of assignments of wages	43
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	5
Number of ship liens	1
Number of married women's certificates	12

E. J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

Bath Department.

The following table shows the number of baths taken daily at the Commonwealth Park

Gymnasium, South Boston, during the month of February, 1900:

FEBRUARY.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
1	401	-	-	-	401
2	-	130	-	150	280
3	250	-	460	-	710
4	50	-	-	-	50
5	469	-	-	-	469
6	60	-	435	-	495
7	-	120	-	135	255
8	452	-	-	-	452
9	-	130	-	150	280
10	300	-	395	-	695
11	47	-	-	-	47
12	400	-	-	-	400
13	65	-	530	-	595
14	-	75	-	52	127
15	380	-	-	-	380
16	-	90	-	100	190
17	135	-	470	-	605
18	43	-	-	-	43
19	335	-	-	-	335
20	65	-	315	-	380
21	-	80	-	120	200
22	360	-	-	-	360
23	-	110	-	135	245
24	250	-	410	-	660
25	-	46	-	-	46
26	365	-	-	-	365
27	60	-	385	-	445
28	-	125	-	150	275
Totals	4,487	906	3,400	992	9,785

NOTE.—At this house, Wednesdays and Fridays are reserved for women and girls.

CHARLES F. MORSE, Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, March 10, 1900.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Louis Rimarofsky, 127 Paris street, Ward 2, five horses; hearing March 22 at 11 o'clock.
Wallace H. Pendle, 100 Esmond street, Ward 20, two horses; hearing March 22 at 11 o'clock.

The petition of C. E. Giles, jr., for the occupancy of extension of a stable on 5 Pearl street, Ward 20, for nine horses, was refused.

The petition of Z. M. Steves, for the occupancy of a stable at 8 Middleton avenue, Ward 24, for one additional horse, was granted.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending March 10, 1900:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	36	59	95
Negative	134	101	235
No growth	1	-	-
Totals	171	160	331

Typhoid diagnoses: Five cases, four cases negative; and one case atypical.

Old Court House, March 17, 1900.

The petition of Albert J. Robinson for the occupancy of a stable on Kittredge street, Ward 23, for two horses, was granted.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending March 17, 1900:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	40	33	73
Negative	109	99	208
No growth	-	-	-
Totals	149	132	281

Typhoid diagnoses: Thirteen cases; four cases positive, eight cases negative and one case atypical.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, March 26, 1900.

Statistics for the week ending March 24, 1900:

Cases pending	-	
Number of applications	69	
Number of admissions:		69
To State Almshouse, Tewks-		
bury	26	
Long Island Almshouse	19	
Charlestown Almshouse	1	
Boston Insane Hospital	1	
Westboro' Insane Hospi-		
tal	1	
Taunton Insane Hospital,	8	
Foxboro' Asylum	1	
Epileptic Hospital	1	
		58

Number of applications refused	3
Number of applications with-	
drawn	8
Cases pending	-

Settlements investigated	134
Settlements reported to the	
Trustees for Children	11

W. T. SEDGWICK, Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, March 19, 1900.

Statistics for the week ending March 17, 1900:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	122	22
Females	27	9
Totals	149	31
Offences:		
Against the person	10	6
Against property	12	16
Against public order		
and decency	128	10
Totals	* 150	* 32
Discharges:		
Males	117	12
Females	31	5
Totals	148	17
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence,	128	17
Permit of Commis-		
sioner	5	-
Payment of fine	12	-
Transferred to House of		
Reformation	1	-
Transferred to Massa-		
chusetts Reformatory,	1	-
Died	1	-
Totals	148	17

Population:		
March 10, 1900	928	517
Committed since March 10, 1900	149	31
Totals	1,077	548
Discharged since March 10, 1900	148	17
March 17, 1900	929	531

* One man committed charged with two offences.

William Hendry has been promoted to the position of farmer at the House of Correction, Deer Island, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of William Ham on March 13, 1900.

32 Tremont Street, March 26, 1900.
Statistics for the week ending March 24, 1900:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	121	5
Females	9	4
Totals	130	9
Offences:		
Against the person	6	—
Against property	21	2
Against public order and decency	106	7
Totals	*133	9
Discharges:		
Males	120	14
Females	24	—
Totals	144	14
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	124	11
Permit of Commissioner,	5	1
Payment of fine	15	—
Transferred to Concord Reformatory	—	2
Totals	144	14
Population:		
March 17, 1900	929	531
Committed since March 17, 1900	130	9
Totals	1,059	540
Discharged since March 17, 1900	144	14
March 24, 1900	915	526

* Three committed charged with two offences each.

PETER MORRISON, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, March 12, 1900.
Following is a summary of the work of this Department for the week ending March 10, 1900:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	446
Defects reported	144
Defects corrected	60
Notices of new work received	107
Feet of dead wire removed	5,200
Fixtures removed	17
Poles set	5

Pole locations have been selected for the New England Telephone and Telegraph

Company, Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company in South Boston, Dorchester, Roxbury and West Roxbury.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	239
Notices of new work received	88

The temporary wiring at the various theatres was inspected. The permanent wiring of one theatre was tested and found to be heavily grounded.

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Permits have been granted for street openings as follows:

Building connections	11
Post connections	1
Repairs	7

Inspections have been made as follows:

Building connections	9
Pole connections	4
Repairs	10
Cable drawings	19

The Department employees responded to alarms of fire as follows:

March 5—Box 71 at 3.20 A.M., fire at George & Co.'s stable, Berkeley street, near Appleton street; Box 458 at 12.20 P.M., hay sheds, Boston and Maine Railroad.

March 6—Box 419 at 1.40 P.M., hay sheds, Boston and Maine Railroad.

March 8—Box 419 at 3.15 P.M., hay sheds, Boston and Maine Railroad.

March 11—Box 15 at 4.17 A.M., 209 North street and extended to 9 Langdon place; Box 47 at 7.03 P.M., 272 and 276 Franklin street.

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

DEATH OF DR. THOMAS F. ROCHE.

Dr. Thomas F. Roche, Resident Physician at the House of Correction, Deer Island, died at his home, 4 Marion street, East Boston, on Sunday, April 8, 1900, after a brief illness.

Dr. Roche was born at Watertown, Mass., December 27, 1863. He was a graduate of the public schools of Boston and of the University of New York. In 1886 he was appointed Resident Physician at Deer Island.

APPOINTMENT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWS AND BRIDGES.

Superintendent of Streets Wheeler, on April 11, 1900, appointed Stephen M. Marshall, of Ward 14, Supervisor of Draws and Bridges in the Bridge Division of the Street Department.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, April 16, 1900, at 3 P.M.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending April 7, 1900, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	25.9
Death rate for corresponding week, 1899,	21.5
Number of deaths:	
Males	143
Females	133
Total	276
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1899	224
Increase	52

Of the 276 decedents, 272 were white and 4 colored; 163 were born in the United States, 110 in foreign countries and the birthplace of 3 was unknown; 60 were of American parentage, 193 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 23 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	66	11
Scarlatina	44	2
Typhoid fever	6	1
Measles	79	1
Totals	195	15

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	43
Pneumonia	52
Whooping cough	3
Heart disease	21
Bronchitis	7
Marasmus	3
Violent causes	10

Total from principal causes	139
Total from infectious diseases	15
Total from other causes	122

Total from all causes 276

Deaths of children under 1 year	41
Deaths of children under 5 years	70
Deaths of persons over 60 years	68
Deaths in public institutions	90

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BOSTON TRANSIT COMMISSION.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Sealed bids for building Section A of the East Boston tunnel, in Maverick square and Lewis street (the section consisting of about 139 feet of open incline and 680 feet of two-track subway), will be received at the office of the Boston Transit Commission, 20 Beacon street, Boston, Mass., until 12 o'clock M. of Friday, April 20, 1900. Plans can be seen and specifications and forms of contract can be obtained at 20 Beacon street, fifth floor. A bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract in a sum of twenty per cent. of the amount.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and reserves the right to award the contract as it deems for the best interest of the City of Boston.

GEORGE G. CROCKER (Chairman),
CHARLES H. DALTON,
THOMAS J. GARGAN,
GEORGE F. SWAIN,
HORACE G. ALLEN,

Boston Transit Commission.
H. A. CARSON, Chief Engineer.
B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

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ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston, to submit proposals to him at his office, 50 City Hall, Boston, Mass., before 12 M. of Mouday, April 23, 1900, for building the concrete flooring and curbing for bridge on Summer street, over C street, in accordance with plans and specifications to be seen at said office.

Proposals must be made on the forms to be provided, and must be accompanied by a certified check for five hundred (\$500) dollars payable to the City of Boston; this check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named place and time, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 2, 1900.

Your petitioner, the Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, respectfully petitions for permission to erect, operate and maintain its poles with wires thereon in the following public streets of the City of Boston, to wit: Mt. Washington avenue, four poles; Granite street, five poles; A street, 12 poles; West Second street, nine poles; Dorchester avenue, 25 poles; West Sixth street, 26 poles; Mercer street, 15 poles; Columbia avenue, 54 poles; Mt. Vernon street, 15 poles; Savin Hill avenue, nine poles; Freeport street, one pole; Clayton street, 14 poles; Freeport street, two poles; Pope's Hill street, one pole; Walnut street, one pole; Lorenzo street, two poles; Oakman street, three poles; Neponset avenue, two poles; Park street, 57 poles; Millet street, 12 poles; Talbot avenue, 34 poles; Blue Hill avenue, one pole; Harvard street, 59 poles; Walk Hill street, 26 poles; Paine street, 14 poles; Canterbury street, 36 poles; Huntington avenue, West Roxbury, nine poles.

Said poles and wires, together with locations by private rights, to constitute a continuous long distance line from Mt. Washington-avenue bridge to Neponset bridge and from Park and Clayton streets to the Hyde Park town line at Huntington avenue. All this is shown by dots on the plan dated April 2, 1900, and filed herewith. The Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company agrees to conform in the construction, maintenance and operation of said line with the ordinances of the City of Boston.

The Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company,
Z. S. HOLBROOK, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 9, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will on Monday, the sixteenth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, South Boston Inquirer, Dorchester Beacon, Jamaica Plain News, and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. A plan of locations granted is filed, dated January 3, 1900.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Temple street, near Winslow street, Ward 23.
Etna street, between Garden street and Geneva street, Ward 25.
Chestnut avenue, from Paul Gore street to Forbes street, Ward 23.
Forbes street from Chestnut avenue, Ward 23.
Albany street, near East Concord street, Ward 12.
Albany street, near Wareham street, Ward 9.

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Neponset avenue, from one pole beyond the Milton Branch of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, to two poles beyond Chlekatwabut street, Ward 24.

Neponset avenue, from Pope's Hill street, to three poles beyond Mill street, Ward 24.

Adams street, between Dorchester avenue and Lincoln street, Ward 24.

Dorchester avenue, corner of Mt. Vernon street, Ward 16.

Main street, from corner of Haverhill street, to opposite Alford street, Ward 4.

School street, near Main street, Ward 5.

Baldwin street, near Main street, Ward 4.

Green street, near Main street, Ward 5.

Walker street, from Main street to Russell street, Ward 4.

Allston street, corner of Sharp street, Ward 20.

Conrad street, near Sumner street, Ward 20.

Greenbriar street, near Tonawanda street, Ward 20.

Greenwich street, near Clay street, Ward 24.

Lauriat avenue, between Lyon and Norfolk streets, Ward 24.

Saratoga street, between Brooks street and Putnam street, Ward 1.

Corner of Brunswick street and Blue Hill avenue, Ward 20.

Corner of Saratoga street and Brooks street, Ward 1.

Eleanor street, corner of Ridgmont street, Ward 25.

Ridgmont street, near Eleanor street, Ward 25.

Adams street, between Richmond street and Englewood street, Ward 24.

River street, corner of Idaho street, Ward 24.

A street, near approach to Summer street, Ward 13.

Beacon alley, near Clarendon street, Ward 11.

Lyndhurst street, near Allston street, Ward 20.

Lonsdale street, between Dorchester avenue and Florida street, Ward 24.

Edson street, from Norfolk street, Ward 24.

Bailey street, between Washington street and Atherton street, Ward 24.

Ashland street, between Washington street and Hyde Park avenue, Ward 23.

Mellville avenue, between New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad track and Dorchester avenue, Ward 20.

Cushing avenue, between Salcombe street and Jerome street, Ward 20.

Everett avenue, between Jerome street and Stoughton street, Ward 20.

Hopedale street, between North Harvard and Sorrento streets, Ward 25.

Call street, between Keyes street and Crosby square, Wards 22 and 23.

Call street, between Bishop and Gordon streets, Ward 22.

Columbus avenue, near private way, Ward 19.

Everett street, between the Boston and Albany Railroad and North Beacon street, Ward 25.

Lincoln street, between Market street and Portsmouth street, Ward 25.

Menlo street, between Henshaw and Sparhawk streets, Ward 25.

Also for permission to remove all poles now standing on Ashland street, between Washington street and Hyde Park avenue, Ward 23.

Also to remove poles from Adams street between Richmond street and Englewood street, Ward 24.

River street, corner of Idaho street, Ward 24.

A street, near approach to Summer street, Ward 13.

Beacon alley, near Clarendon street, Ward 11.

Main street, from corner of Main street and Mystic avenue to Alford street, Ward 4.

Walker street, corner of Main street, Ward 4.

Neponset avenue from one pole beyond the Milton Branch of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, to one pole beyond Chlekatwabut street, Ward 24.

Neponset avenue, from Pope's Hill street to three poles beyond Mill street, Ward 24.

Albany street, near East Concord street, Ward 12.

Albany street, near Wareham street, Ward 9.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 9, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the sixteenth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Journal, Dorchester Beacon, Boston Traveler, Jamaica Plain News, Brighton Item, Boston Globe, Boston Post, East Boston Free Press, South Boston News, The Ibbertian, Charlestown Enterprise, Boston Advertiser and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, March 19, 1900.

The West End Street Railway Company by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks on South street, Jamaica Plain, from and connecting with the company's tracks there situate near the junction of said South street with Jamaica street, and with curves connecting with the proposed extension of the company's car-house there situate; thence on said South street to the Parkway near Forest Hills station; and thence on said Parkway to and connecting with the company's tracks on Washington street, with all necessary curves, switches and connections, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated February 27, 1900, and filed herewith.

Also as an alternative location, in place of the portion thereof described herein as the Parkway, for tracks to extend by said South street across said Parkway to Walk Hill street; and thence on said Walk Hill street to a point on the westerly side of Forest Hills station, so called, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C. E., dated also February 27, 1900, and filed herewith.

Also for leave to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said tracks and streets herein petitioned for, and to erect, lay, maintain and use the poles, wires, appliances and electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of the streets necessary for that purpose.

West End Street Railway Company,

By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney,

By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, its attorney, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 9, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will on Monday, the thirtieth day of April, at 3 o'clock P. M. take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Jamaica Plain News and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.

A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 9, 1900.

The undersigned requests permission to project from buildings Nos. 14, 16, 18, 20 and 22 Park street, Ward 5, five bay-windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Park street. Dimensions: Twenty-eight feet high, eleven feet wide, and three feet over line of street, and twelve feet above grade of sidewalk.

MICHAEL ROUGHAN,
133 Chelsea street, Charlestown.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

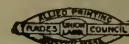
April 9, 1900

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-third day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person, objecting thereto, may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Charlestown Enterprise and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.



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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY.

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

LIMIT OF DEBT AND RATE OF TAXATION FOR BOSTON.

The Committees on Taxation and Metropolitan Affairs of the Legislature, to whom was referred the petition, with accompanying bill (H. B. 927, see THE CITY RECORD, No. 9, page 121) of Mayor Hart, for legislation to provide that the law relative to the limit of municipal debt and the rate of taxation in cities shall apply to Boston, reported, on April 12, the following bill (S. B. 177):

An Act to Define the Municipal Debt of, and the rates of Taxation in, the City of Boston.

Be it enacted etc., as follows:

Section 1. The taxes assessed on property in the City of Boston, exclusive of the State tax and county tax not exceeding \$425,000 and the sums required by law to be raised on account of the city debt shall not exceed ten and one-half dollars on every one thousand dollars of the average of the Assessors' valuations of the taxable property therein for the preceding five years, the valuation for each year being first reduced by the amount of all abatements allowed thereon previous to the thirty-first day of December in the year preceding said assessment. Any order or appropriation requiring a larger assessment than herein first above limited shall be void.

Sect. 2. The limit of indebtedness of the City of Boston shall be $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the average valuations prescribed in Section 1 of this act.

Sect. 3. Any court or justice, having equity jurisdiction, sitting in the County of Suffolk, shall, upon the application of the Mayor or of ten taxable inhabitants of the city, at all times, whether in term time or vacation, have power to issue injunctions mandatory or otherwise, decrees, or other process against the City Council, or otherwise, which such court or justice may think needful to enforce the provisions of this act or to prevent the violation thereof.

Sect. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sect. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARK DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the Park Department for the year 1899-1900, constituting Document 27—1900, has recently been issued. Following is the report of the Board of Commissioners:

It may be well to state again briefly the motives which have actuated the Commission in the construction and improvement of the parks in its charge. The desire and aim of the Commission is, first, to make the parks as valuable as possible to the whole community, and not to any special class; and, second, so to construct and finish them that the cost of maintenance, which in any case will be large, can be reduced to the smallest possible limit. The Commission believes that the greatest enjoyment by the greatest number of persons will be obtained by retaining, as far as it is practicable to do so, a natural and rural character to our parks, especially in the larger parks like Leverett, Jamaica and Franklin. Such parks are valuable in proportion as they are capable of bringing the country into the city, and in furnishing to the crowded dwellers of the tenement districts an opportunity, unobtainable for them in any other way, to enjoy real rural and sylvan sights. To accomplish this all evidence of the surrounding city must be shut out as far as practicable from the inside of the park, and it cannot be too often repeated that parks are for the benefit of the many who use them, and not especially for the benefit of the comparatively few who live on their borders and desire to look into them. The Commission believes that the rural character of the parks can only be obtained by protecting their boundaries with continuous masses of foliage,

and that its first duty is to protect all such border plantations and encourage their growth in every practical way.

The Commission is laboring to make the parks natural in appearance and simple in detail, and it believes that no unnecessary buildings, walks or drives should be allowed to interfere with the simplicity of design and the rural character of the parks in its charge.

The suppression of unnecessary walks, drives and buildings, increasing naturalness, reduces the cost of maintenance, and economy of maintenance is also secured by planting every tree and shrub in the best possible way, and by furnishing them with an abundant supply of good soil. The Commission endeavors, in its selection of material for park planting, to use only such species as have shown themselves absolutely hardy in this region, and such plants only as harmonize in association. Hardiness and fitness are found in the greatest degree in the native plants of any region, and for this reason the Commission in planning its plantations confines itself largely to the trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants which grow naturally in New England.

The necessity of acquiring more land for playgrounds in different parts of the city becomes every year more evident. The most crowded parts of the city are either entirely unsupplied with proper breathing spaces or are very inadequately provided with playgrounds, and it is the opinion of the Commission, after a long and careful study of the subject from every point of view, that wise municipal economy would authorize the expenditure of another million dollars during the next two, three or four years in securing additional playgrounds in areas of from one to six acres both in the crowded and in the outlying districts of the city.

Under the Playground Act, being Chapter 412 of the Acts of 1898, the following playgrounds have been taken: Columbus avenue, 4.9 acres; Ashmont, 2.2 acres; North End, a small addition to the Prince-street playground, 1,426 feet; Savin Hill, 18.6 acres; Roslindale, 3.7 acres; Forest Hills, 10.3 acres: being a total of 39.6 acres.

Under Chapter 274 of the Acts of 1899, placing in this Department the custody, care and control of all lands owned by the City of Boston about Chestnut Hill Reservoir, authority was given to this Board to take additional lands, and \$150,000 was provided for that purpose. Under this authority, for the purpose of protecting our parkway and other lands of the city, nearly five acres were taken by us, making the whole area under control of the Board about forty-two acres.

Following the report of the Commissioners is the report of the Superintendent of the Department, which contains full details regarding the park system of Boston and the year's work.

The report also embraces the report of the engineer of the Board, various financial and park statistics, report of the committee of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association in charge of the women's and children's division at Charlesbank, copies of statutes of the Commonwealth relating to the public parks of Boston, and an inventory of the property of the Department.

The expenditures of the Department for land, construction and maintenance from February 1, 1899, to January 31, 1900, were as follows:

(3.) That from the \$7,000 appropriated November 9, 1897, for Robiusion-street School-house furnishing, the following transfer be made, the same being an unexpended balance not required for the purpose for which it was originally appropriated: Grammar school-house, East Boston, \$2,234.87.

(4.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to accept the proposal of F. G. Coburn & Co., contractors, for the erection of the Chapman Grammar School building, in the sum of \$2,020 for the addition of two extra rooms to said building.

(5.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to hire an additional room in the Moon-street building at a rental of \$50 per month.

PARKS.	Land.	Construction.	Maintenance.	Totals.
Main Park System	\$5,000 00	\$366,966 76	\$90,788 52	\$462,755 28
Marine Park System	53,802 76	36,257 01	9,008 80	99,068 57
Wood Island Park		11,145 94	6,459 68	17,605 62
Charlesbank		1,263 59	10,159 73	11,423 32
Charlestown Heights		255 37	2,156 12	2,411 49
Charlestown Playground		56 50	793 76	850 26
Dorchester Park		6,188 77	56 87	6,245 64
Franklin Field		816 92	4,308 74	5,125 66
Public Park, North End		5,803 14	1,783 82	7,086 96
Chestnut Hill Park	57,690 40	1,017 78	3,330 24	62,038 42
Trinity Triangle			63 97	63 97
North Brighton Playground	245 39	841 30	155 49	1,242 18
Neponset Playground	14,100 87	5,000 00	1,541 83	20,642 70
Billings Field	46,425 23	4,546 09	720 20	51,691 52
First-street Playground			1,284 76	1,284 76
North End Playground	960 00		339 45	1,299 45
Mystic Playground	125 00	840 35	24 81	990 16
Fellows-street Playground		610 43	35 84	646 27
Christopher Gibson Playground	209 58	3,919 55	1,024 72	5,153 85
Paris-street Gymnasium			54 80	54 80
Rogers Park		735 21	640 60	1,375 81
Columbus-avenue Playground	268,314 48		4 50	268,318 98
Ashmont Playground	87 18			87 18
Savin Hill Playground	26,845 40			26,845 40
Roslindale Playground	24,825 11		97 00	24,922 11
Forest Hills Playground	147 75			147 75
Land for Playgrounds, Executions, etc.	168 79			168 79
Columbia Road	275,300 00	210,700 00		486,000 00
Office expenses			10,165 75	10,165 75
Totals	\$774,247 94	\$656,464 71	\$145,000 00	\$1,575,712 65

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, on April 10, 1900, at 7.30 P.M., President Gallivan in the chair.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read, and successively passed:

(1.) That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized to execute an order of addition to the contract of James Fagan, for addition and alteration of Mechanic Arts High School building, in the sum of \$315.50 for changing and furnishing conductors and for placing louvers in ventilating hood.

(2.) That the Committee on New Buildings, are hereby authorized to extend the term of the lease of premises No. 170 Lauriat avenue, Dorchester, occupied for kindergarten purposes, for one year from January 1, 1900, at the same rental that is now paid, viz., \$480.

(6.) That Ella M. Donkin, assistant, grammar school, in the Frothingham district, be placed upon the maximum salary of her rank, to date from March 1, 1900.

(7.) That Samuel T. Jeffers, janitor of the Norcross School, be paid \$24 for additional services as janitor of the Bigelow Evening School, during the term 1899-1900.

(8.) That there be paid to Thomas W. Kenney the sum of \$52 for services rendered as janitor of Curtis Hall, from January 1 to March 31, 1900.

(9.) That Frances M. Supple, assistant, grammar school, in the Dudley district, be placed upon the maximum salary of her rank, to date from February 27, 1900.

(10.) That Marcella C. Coyle, assistant, grammar school, in the Harvard district, be placed upon the fourth year of service in her rank, to date from March 1, 1900.

The resignations of two teachers were accepted; appointments of two teachers on probation were laid over, under the rule; the confirmation of two teachers was laid over, under the rule; leaves of absence to four teachers were laid over, under the rule, and leave of absence was granted to one teacher.

Mr. Berridge presented the following:

OFFICE OF SCHOOL-HOUSE AGENT,

Boston, April 10, 1900.

MR. THOMAS W. BERRIDGE, Chairman
Committee on School-houses.

DEAR SIR: I desire to submit through your committee for the approval of the School Board, the following appointments of assistants in my Department. All of said appointments to date from April 1, 1900:

Warren A. Cass, clerk; Frederick C. Ward, clerk; Charles A. Brown, draughtsman; George H. Grueby, inspector; Otis S. Davenport, inspector; Joseph W. Hill, inspector; Joseph P. Butler, inspector; William P. O'Toole, plumber; Myer Cobe, messenger.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. FISHER, School-house Agent.

Approved.

Mr. Kenny, for the Committee on the Third Division, to whom was referred, March 13, an order with regard to the advisability of enlarging the lot of the Hancock School-house, reported that they have investigated the matter, and deem it important to enlarge this lot for the protection of the light and air supply of the building, which they believe can be done at a reasonable cost. They therefore recommend the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be requested to recommend the taking of the requisite amount of land on Prince street for the enlargement of the Hancock School-house lot necessary to ensure the continuance of a proper light and air supply of that building.

Accepted, and the order passed.

The Chair appointed the following committee on the Annual School Festival:

Thomas W. Berridge, Chairman; Messrs. Nichols, Davison, Abraham and Baldwin.

IMMIGRATION DURING FEBRUARY.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston from trans-Atlantic ports during the month ending February 28, 1900:

RACE.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
English	10	10	-
Hebrew	2	2	-
Scandinavian	4	4	-
Scotch	1	1	-
Total	17	17	-
Tourists or passengers en route	2	-	-
Total immigration for February, 1900	19	-	-

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS. — STATES.

North Atlantic Division —

Massachusetts 13
New York 4

Total 17

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the Treasury Department for the financial year ending January 31, 1900, has recently been submitted to Mayor Hart.

The report constitutes City Document 40—1900, and includes the receipts and payments of the City of Boston and County of Suffolk for the financial year of 1899-1900, with a statement of the debt of the city and the sinking-funds for the redemption of the same, and an exhibit of the yearly receipts and payments of the City of Boston and County of Suffolk, with the aggregate of the receipts and payments of the sinking-funds for the period of eighteen years six and a half months, the length of time of the occupation of the office of City Treasurer of Boston by Mr. Turner; also an appendix showing the trust funds in the custody of the City Treasurer.

Following is a recapitulation of the transactions of the Treasury Department for the year 1899-1900:

The trust funds in the custody of the City Treasurer are as follows:

Babcock, Music	\$3,000 00
City Hospital	185,470 65
Dorchester North Burial-ground,	513 00
Dorchester South Cemetery	400 00
Evergreen Cemetery	5,883 25
Foss Seventeenth of June and Flag	4,000 00
John Foster	30,736 75
Franklin Trades' School	368,880 07
George B. Hyde	3,835 95
Mt. Hope Cemetery	65,770 07
Phillips, Street	20,000 00
Police, Charitable	207,550 00
Poor Widows'	3,200 00
Public Library	275,297 10
George L. Randidge	50,000 00
Sawyer, Marcella-street Home	2,312 34
School	111,058 11
Total	\$1,337,907 29

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, April 23, 1900, at 3, P.M.

Cash balance, February 1, 1899			\$4,477,759 56
Receipts from February 1, 1899, to January 31, 1900, both inclusive:			
Account of City of Boston:			
City Collector	\$22,931,791 88		
Temporary loans	4,210,000 00		
City loans	8,748,800 00		
Other sources	5,083,605 07		
		\$40,974,196 95	
Account of County of Suffolk:			
City Collector	\$293,760 04		
Other sources	1,526 11		
		295,286 15	
			41,269,483 10
Payments from February 1, 1899, to January 31, 1900, both inclusive:			\$45,747,242 66
Account of City of Boston:			
General drafts	\$13,367,278 77		
Pay-roll drafts	10,985,785 09		
Special drafts	11,640,217 12		
Amounts not drawn for by Mayor through Auditor's office	3,309,453 16		
		\$39,302,734 14	
Account of County of Suffolk:			
General payments	\$1,139,671 74		
Special drafts	143,643 85		
Other amounts	43,559 09		
		1,326,874 68	
			40,629,608 82
Cash balance, January 31, 1900, carried forward to financial year 1900-1901			\$5,117,633 84

The total amount of debt paid during the year was \$4,690,641.74 at a cost of redemption of \$35,933.78.

The total debt issued during the year was \$8,748,800.

The total amount of the funded debt of the city, the County of Suffolk and water debt, on January 31, 1900, was \$86,996,978.98, made up as follows: City debt, \$66,157,705; County of Suffolk debt, \$3,533,000; Water debt, \$17,306,273.98. Deducting \$27,697,093.93, the amount of sinking-funds, and \$30,400, the amount in the hands of the City Treasurer to redeem matured debt, the net debt on January 31, 1900, was \$59,269,485.05.

APPROPRIATION BILL FOR 1900-1901.

The appropriation bill for 1900-1901 for current expenses of the City of Boston and County of Suffolk, with accompanying orders, as passed in concurrence by both branches of the City Council, is as follows:

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of February, 1900, of performing the duties and exercising the powers devolved by statute or ordinance, or by vote of the City Council during the year,

upon the City of Boston or the County of Suffolk, or the departments or officers thereof, and to meet their respective obligations for interest on debt, sinking-fund requirements and maturing debt not provided for by sinking-fund, the respective sums of money hereinafter specified be, and the same are, hereby appropriated for the several departments, and for the objects and purposes hereinafter stated.

Ordered, That the appropriations for Water Department, current expenses, and the payments to the State under the provisions of Chapter 488 of the Acts of 1895 and acts in addition or amendment thereto, and for the interest and sinking-fund requirements for loans issued for water purposes, be met by the income from said works; that the other appropriations hereinafter specified be met out of the money remaining in the treasury at the close of business on January 31, 1900, exclusive of the money raised by loan or needed to carry out the requirements of any statute, gift, trust or special appropriation, and by the income of the financial year beginning February 1, 1900, and by taxes to the amount of \$10,794,110, and that said amount be raised by taxation on the polls and estates taxable in the City of Boston.

Ordered, That all sums of money which form no part of the income of the city, but shall be paid for services rendered or work done by any department or division for any other department or division, or for any person or corporation other than the City of Boston, be paid into the general treasury and then credited to the appropriation of the department or division rendering such service or doing such work, and that all contributions made to any appropriation be expended for the objects and purposes directed by the several contributors thereof.

Ordered, That to provide temporarily money to meet the appropriations aforesaid, the City Treasurer issue and sell, at such times and in such amounts as he may deem best, bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston, not exceeding \$7,000,000 in the total, in anticipation of the taxes of the current municipal year; that all such bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness be dated the day the money for the same is received, be made payable with the interest thereon at the office of the City Treasurer within the current municipal year, from the taxes of said year, and bear interest from their date until the same are made payable at such rate as said Treasurer shall deem proper.

Ordered, That all taxes raised to meet the appropriations of the City Council, and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the State tax of the year 1900, or of any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, be due and payable on the first day of October, 1900; that all such taxes paid after the first day of November, 1900, bear interest from and including said day until paid, at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum up to the first day of January, 1901, and at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum after and including said first day of January, except that taxes assessed upon shares of stock of national banks shall bear interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum from and including said first day of November until paid; and that all interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be a part of such taxes.

Ordered, That the City Auditor, from time to time during the year may, with the approval of the Mayor, make transfers within any department from the appropriation for current expenses of one division of a department to the appropriation for current expenses of any other division of the same department; and may, with the further approval of the Committee on Finance, make transfers from the reserved fund to any appropriation for current expenses of a department; and that said Auditor may, with approval of the Mayor, between December 1, 1900, and February 1, 1901, make transfers from any appropriation to any other appropriation, and apply any of the income and taxes not disposed of in closing the accounts for the financial year.

CURRENT EXPENSES.

Art Department	\$500 00	
Assessing Department	150,000 00	
Auditing Department	41,000 00	
Bath Department	70,000 00	
Board of Alderman:		
Salaries	\$21,100	
Contingent expenses	5,000	26,100 00
Building Department	90,000 00	
Board of Appeal	1,800 00	
Cemetery Department	50,000 00	
City Clerk Department	48,000 00	
City Council:		
Incidental expenses	\$5,000	
City Council proceedings	20,000	25,000 00
City Debt Requirements:		
Sinking-funds	\$1,826,593	
Interest	2,213,067	4,039,660 00
City Messenger Department	33,000 00	
Clerk of Committees Department:		
Current expenses	\$14,000	
Reference Library	150	14,150 00
Collecting Department	105,000 00	
Common Council:		
Salaries of Councilmen	\$22,500	
Contingent expenses	3,000	
Salaries of clerk and assistants	5,100	30,600 00
Election Department	130,000 00	
Engineering Department	80,000 00	
Fire Department:		
Current expenses	\$1,147,000	
Pensions	48,000	1,195,000 00
Health Department	145,000 00	
Hospital Department	402,000 00	
Institutions:		
Children's Institutions Department:		
Placing out and office division	\$90,000	
House of Reformation, Rainsford Island	40,000	
Parental School	40,000	
Marcella-street Home	1,000	171,000 00
Insane Hospital Department:		
Boston Insane Hospital	\$125,000	
Insane in State Institutions	192,000	317,000 00
Carried forward	\$7,164,810 00	

Brought forward	\$7,164,810 00	
Pauper Institutions Department:		
Boston Almshouse and Hospital, Long Island	\$106,000	
Almshouse, Charlestown	15,000	
Office expenses	4,000	
Pauper expenses	1,500	
Steamer "John Howard"	8,500	135,000 00
Institutions Registration Dept., Steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee"	18,500 00	
Lamp Department	680,000 00	
Law Department	42,500 00	
Library Department	270,000 00	
Market Department	9,300 00	
Mayor	\$35,000	
Public Celebrations and Lectures:		
Patriots' Day, April 19	\$500	
Yacht Race, Dorchester Bay, April 19	500	
Memorial Day, May 30	8,200	
Spanish Veterans' Memorial Day,	2,000	
Veteran Firemen's Memorial Day,	400	
June 17	7,000	
Farragut Day, June 28	1,200	
July 4	11,000	
Labor's Holiday	1,200	32,000 00
Music Department	67,000 00	
Overseeing of the Poor Dept.	9,600 00	
Park Department	125,000 00	
Park Department	151,300 00	
Police Department:		
Current expenses	\$1,569,304	
Pensions	80,696	1,650,000 00
Printing Department	23,900 00	
Public Buildings Department:		
General expenses	\$156,000	
Ambulance station	4,000	160,000 00
Public Grounds Department	95,000 00	
Registry Department:		
Current expenses	\$28,500	
Printing Ancient Records	3,000	31,500 00
Reserve Fund:		
For the payment of claims, executions, and court expenses of the several departments, and for transfers	48,379 25	
Sinking-funds Department	2,500 00	
Soldiers' Relief Department	228,500 00	
Statistics Department:		
General expenses	\$13,900	
THE CITY RECORD	500	14,400 00
Street Department:		
Central Office	\$20,000	
Bridge Division	173,000	
Cambridge Bridges Division	18,500	
Ferry Division	237,000	
Paving Division	780,000	
Sanitary Division	600,000	
Sewer Division	325,000	
Street-cleaning Division	330,000	
Watering Division	175,000	2,658,500 00
Carried forward	\$13,605,689 25	

Brought forward	\$13,605,689 25
Street Laying-out Department	27,000 00
Treasury Department	44,000 00
Weights and Measures Department	23,400 00
Wire Department	43,000 00

Total for city expenses . . . \$13,743,089 25
County of Suffolk:

General expenses \$720,000	
House of Correction, Deer Island	156,000
House of Correction, South Boston	84,000
Office expenses of Penal Commissioner	22,000
County Debt Requirements:	
Sinking fund and principal	\$59,944
Interest	126,700
	186,644
	1,168,644 00

Total city and county expenses \$14,911,733 25

Water Department:	
(To be paid by water income.)	
Current expenses	\$400,000
Debt Requirements:	
Sinking-funds	\$206,489
Interest	812,342
	1,018,831
	\$1,418,831 00

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that an examination for first-class draftsman, marine work, will be held before its Board of Examiners in this city on April 23, 24, 25, 1900, and as the result of the examination certification will be made to a position in the grade mentioned at the Newport News (Va.) Navy Yard, at a salary of \$5 per diem.

The Commission also announces an examination for the grade of first-class mechanical draftsman at the same navy yard, at a salary of \$5 per diem.

Detailed information concerning these examinations and application forms can be obtained by applying to E. E. Stebbins, Secretary Board of Examiners, Room 141, Post Office building, Boston, Mass.

NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.

At its meeting on Thursday, April 12, 1900, the Common Council voted to adjourn till Thursday, April 26, at 7.45 P.M.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, April 16, 1900, Chairman O'Brien presiding. Absent—Alderman Codman.

Appointments by the Mayor.

Communications were received from the Mayor making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board:

(1.) Frank A. Drew (Linnet street), Charles E. Folsom (38 Romsey street), and E. Mertain Hatch (124 West Broadway), to be members of the Board of Assessors for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1900.

(2.) James H. Dodge (21 Burroughs street), to be City Auditor for the term of one year, beginning with 1 May, 1900.

(3.) Nina Frank Hecht (Mrs. Jacob H. Hecht), 113 Commonwealth avenue, to be a member of the Board of Bath Trustees for the term of five years, beginning with 1 May, 1900.

(4.) John S. Damrell (47 Hancock street), to be Building Commissioner for the term ending 30 April, 1901.

(5.) William J. Fallon (48 Sherwood street, Ward 23), to be a member of the Board of Cemetery Trustees for the term of five years, beginning with 1 May, 1900.

(6.) Courtenay Guild (26 Mount Vernon street, Ward 11), to be City Collector for the term of one year, beginning with 1 May, 1900.

(7.) William Jackson (Rockland street, Ward 25), to be City Engineer for the term of one year, beginning with 1 May, 1900.

(8.) Robert Cox (775 East Broadway), to be a member of the Board of Health for the term of three years, beginning with 1 May, 1900.

(9.) Edwin L. Pilsbury (58 High street, Ward 5), to be a member of the Board of Health for the term ending 30 April, 1901.

(10.) A. Shuman (60 Vernon street), to be a Trustee of the City Hospital for the term of five years, beginning with 1 May, 1900.

(11.) Andrew J. Bailey (30 St. Stephen street), to be Corporation Counsel for the term of one year, beginning with 1 May, 1900.

(12.) Thomas M. Babson (138 St. Botolph street), to be City Solicitor for the term of one year, beginning with 1 May, 1900.

(13.) James DeNormandie (45 Lambert avenue), to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston for the term of five years, beginning 1 May, 1900.

(14.) George E. McKay (8 Wayne street), to be Superintendent of Markets for the term of one year, beginning with 1 May, 1900.

(15.) J. Homer Pierce (14 Bellevue street, Ward 20), Miss Annette P. Rogers (5 Joy street, Ward 11), Frederick W. Stuart (550 East Broadway), and James H. Conley (282 Bunker Hill street), to be Overseers of the Poor in the City of Boston for the term of three years, beginning with 1 May, 1900.

(16.) Laban Pratt (Boutwell street), to be a member of the Board of Park Commissioners for the term of three years, beginning with 1 May, 1900.

(17.) Michael T. Monahan (17 Milford street), to be Superintendent of Printing for the term of one year, beginning with 1 May, 1900.

(18.) Milton C. Paige (129 K street), to be Superintendent of Public Buildings for the term of one year, beginning with 1 May, 1900.

(19.) William Doogue (154 East Cottage street), to be Superintendent of Public Grounds for the term of one year, beginning with 1 May, 1900.

(20.) William H. Whitmore (65 Worcester street), to be City Registrar for the term of one year, beginning with 1 May, 1900.

(21.) B. Rodman Weld (Forest Hills street), to be a member of the Board of Statistics Trustees for the term of five years, beginning with 1 May, 1900.

(22.) Frank G. Webster (232 Newbury street), to be a member of the Board of Commissioners of Sinking-funds for the term of three years, beginning with 1 May, 1900.

(23.) Reuben Peterson (171 Princeton street, Ward 1), to be Soldiers' Relief Commissioner for the term of one year, beginning with 1 May, 1900.

(24.) Alfred T. Turner (Hotel Brunswick), to be City Treasurer for the term of one year, beginning with 1 May, 1900.

(25.) William Scampton (11 Salem street, Ward 5), to be Sealer of Weights and Measures and Seizer of Illegal Charcoal Measures, and John M. Pitman (387 Main street), Benjamin P. Hutchinson (6 Humphreys square), Frank A. Newell (433 Dudley street), Charles O. Sikora (48 School street, Ward 22), Charles H. Bryant (62 Clifton street), William H. Andrews (206 K street), Frederick A. Junisky (75 Mayfield street), Julius B. Goddard (30 Grove street), Joseph W. Hendricks (19 Greenwich street), and John A. Brander (208 East Eagle street), to be Deputy Sealers of Weights and Measures and Seizers of Illegal Charcoal Measures; all for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1900.

(26.) William H. Lott (13 Robin Hood street), to be Commissioner of Wires for the term of three years, beginning with the first day of May, 1900.

(27.) Lyde W. Benjamin (121 School street), Roxbury, and Anson Stern (90 Devon street), to be Constables of the City of Boston for the term of one year, beginning on May 1, 1900.

Severally laid over, under the law.

The following messages from the Mayor were also received:

Officials paid by Fees.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 9 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: Subject to confirmation by your Honorable Board, I make the following appointments:

(1.) John J. Caddigan, to be Chief Weigher and Inspector of Vessels and Bal-

last for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1900.

(2.) James Collins and Edward Hughes, to be Assistant Weighers and Inspectors of Vessels and Ballast for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1900.

(3.) The following-named persons to be Weighers of Coal for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May 1900:

Morton Alden, Revere E. Atwood, Thomas E. Bates, William G. Bail, James E. Barnett, Allen G. Boyd, Frederick J. Bradford, Barney M. Brennan, Thomas F. Brennan, Michael J. Brennan, George W. Bridges, John H. Brine, Franklin J. Burnham, P. J. Caldwell, Jeremiah J. Callahan, Donald S. Campbell, William A. Campbell, John T. Caulfield, Frederick E. Cleaves, Paul G. Coblenzer, Nelson B. Coll, Edward E. Coye, Hugh F. Crane, Arthur R. Crooks, Arnold B. Crosby, Fred Cutter, James B. Dana, Asa W. Davidson, Harold L. Day, A. E. Deunis, John F. Donovan, Andrew H. Dwelley, Richard W. Edds, John W. Edson, William H. Eltz, John C. Felker, jr., Arthur L. Fish, Joseph Flores, Cyrus D. Foss, Henry A. Frost, Nellie M. Frost, Thomas F. Gallagher, Benjamin A. Gardner, Martin Gilbert, J. M. Gilman, Thomas F. Golding, Henry F. Gould, Robert J. Gove, Wesley A. Gove, William A. Gove, Charles T. Grant, John V. Haley, Charles A. Hamann, J. Arthur Heaton, Stephen Henton, Sidney C. Higgins, Samuel Hosea, jr., John W. Hunter, Frank B. Ingalls, Elisha F. James, Ernest W. Johnson, Henry R. Jordan, John Kelly, John Kelly, jr., Maurice Kingsbury, Phineas C. Kinney, Edward A. Lathrop, Thomas H. Lawton, William D. Leeds, Clarence J. Libbey, Marcellus H. McElroy, Armine W. Montgomery, Richard J. Moore, Fred C. Morgau, Fred L. Moses, Edward P. Murphy, John F. Nelson, John B. Nickels, William H. Pierce, Edward E. Piper, James T. Pond, Philip J. Powers, Hugh H. Ralph, John Rea, Frank B. Reynolds, Walter J. Ripley, James Russell, Frank O. Seavey, Lucius W. Smith, William Graydon Stetson, James P. Stewart, Norman Q. Stewart, Clinton G. Stickney, Charles E. Stone, G. Louis Stowers, Frank E. Sullivan, Henry F. Thomas, Hollis O. Thomas, Frank O. Thompson, Charles F. Tirrell, Joel F. Vinal, Howard Wade, Charles S. Wellington, Forrest J. Whitney, J. Clarence Whitney, Charles R. Williams, Walter S. Wilmot, Henry G. Wilson, Benjamin D. Wood, Harry M. Wood, Frederick A. Worden, Frederick T. Wort and Ernest A. Worth.

(4.) The following-named persons to be Measurers of Wood and Bark for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1900:

Morton Alden, Revere E. Atwood, Jeremiah J. Callahan, Arnold B. Crosby, James B. Dana, John M. Davis, Harold L. Day, A. E. Dennis, William H. Eltz, Cyrus D. Foss, Joseph Flores, J. Arthur Heaton, Sidney C. Higgins, Samuel Hosea, jr., John W. Hunter, Frank B. Ingalls, Phineas C. Kinney, Albert T. Orrall, Frank O. Thompson, Howard Wade, Forrest J. Whitney and J. Clarence Whitney.

(5) The following-named persons to be Measurers of Grain for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1900:

Ebenezer Barrett, James C. Bell, William Bentley, Lawrence A. Bragan, Michael Collins, Charles R. Clifford, Michael F. Codire, Patrick T. Corcoran, Robert J. Desmond, John Deveraux, Alton F. Dow, Daniel F. Enos, L. T. Farnum, Michael Finn, Carroll W. Gates, John H. Gillogly, Henry F. Gould, George Gourley, Alden H. Harding, Benjamin Hay, Lawrence N. Hennessy, Joseph G. Herrick, Joseph A. Hill, S. B. Keene, George W. Keith, William T. McLaughlin, Cornelius Murphy, Joseph Rourke, Frank O. Seavey, Alfred J. Sidwell, Henry Soutter, John Steele, Charles E. Stone, Frederick J. Sullivan and Mason B. Whittemore.

(6) The following-named persons to be Inspectors of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1900:

Morton Alden, Michael F. Codire, Charles R. Davis, Robert J. Desmond, John H. Dunn, William M. Dunn, Patrick R. Dunn, Elmer E. Flanders, John H. Gillogly, Frank B. Ingalls, William Lincoln, William J. McLaughlin, Richard J. Moore, Leslie A. Pike, Charles F. Thompson and Andrew N. Wyeth, jr.

(7.) William Cotter, to be Field Driver and Poundkeeper in the Back Bay District, for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1900.

(8.) Herbert C. Davis, to be Superintendent of the North Hay Scales; Timothy F. Dunn, to be Superintendent of the South Hay Scales, and William J. Mathers, to be Superintendent of the East Boston Hay Scales; all for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1900.

(9.) The following named persons to be Weighers of Boilers and Heavy Machinery for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1900:

Nelson C. Clement, Fred Cutter, Patrick D. Curry, L. T. Farnum, George Gourley, John W. Kelley, Maurice D. Kingsbury, Eugene McCarthy, Armine W. Montgomery, Dennis O'Sullivan and Walter G. Ripley.

(10.) The following-named persons to be Weighers of Beef for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1900:

Joel W. Bent, Frederick L. Dodge and Charles Warren Hapgood.

(11.) Frank L. Bowker, to be a Surveyor of Marble, Freestone and Soapstone for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1900.

(12.) Joseph B. Sias and Edward R. McLarin to be Fence Viewers for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1900.

(13.) James H. Cleaves, Robert F. Means and William Park to be Inspectors of Petroleum and its products for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1900.

(14.) Sewall B. Farnsworth, Edward R. Maxwell and John J. Powers to be Measurers of Upper Leather for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1900.

(15.) Patrick J. McCarthy to be an Inspector of Lime for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1900.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

Severally laid over, under the law.

Boat Landing at Marine Park.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 16 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Board of Park Commissioners, in answer to your request for certain information in regard to the new wharf or boat landing at Marine Park, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

PARK DEPARTMENT.

April 13, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: We have received the enclosed order of the Board of Aldermen requesting us to furnish the Board with a copy of the contract, if any exists, with any party for the use of the new wharf, or boat landing, at Marine Park.

We have made no contract with reference to this wharf, nor have we determined the conditions under which it shall be used by the public. We intend, however, to transfer the park boat service to the new wharf, which will permit of the removal of the old temporary landing which now disfigures Pleasure Bay.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Referred to the Special Committee on Investigation of the Park Department.

Application of Eight-Hour Law to Ferry Employees.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 10 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Superintendent of Streets, in answer to your order asking why the eight-hour statute does not apply to ferry-boat crews, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, April 5, 1900.

TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

Replying to an order of the Board of Aldermen, requesting Your Honor to inform the Board why the provisions of Chapter 34 of the Acts of 1899, "An Act to Make Eight Hours a Day's Work for City and Town Employees" do not apply to the boats' crews on the ferry, referred to me for report. I beg leave to say that the statute referred to is in form as follows:

"Section 1. Eight hours shall constitute a day's work for all laborers, workmen and mechanics now employed, or who may hereafter be employed, by or on behalf of any city or town in this Commonwealth."

In accordance therewith, all laborers, workmen and mechanics now employed, are, so far as I am aware, given an eight-hour working day. The salaried employees of this Department, a number of whom are in the

Ferry Division, above referred to, are not included within this statute.

Respectfully submitted,

B. T. WHEELER,

Superintendent of Streets.

Placed on file.

Asphalting Pearl and Milk Streets.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, 16 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

GENTLEMEN: Enclosed herewith is a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, in answer to your request for estimates of the cost of asphalting portions of Pearl and Milk streets.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, April 16, 1900.

TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

In accordance with request contained in enclosed order of the Board of Aldermen, I beg to submit the following estimates of cost of construction of certain streets:

Pearl street, Milk to Franklin:

Paving with asphalt and regulating . \$4,400

Milk street, Congress to Oliver:

Paving with asphalt and regulating . 8,200

Respectfully submitted,

B. T. WHEELER,

Superintendent of Streets.

Placed on file.

Sewerage of East Boston Flats.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 16 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: Enclosed herewith is a communication from the Board of Health in answer to your order requesting certain information in regard to the East Boston flats.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

Old Court House, April 13, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In compliance with your request, the Board of Health has considered the following order of the Board of Aldermen:

"That the Board of Health be requested to investigate and inform this Board if the sewers maintained by the city on the East Boston Flats, between Jeffries Point and Wood Island, are dangerous to the health of the people of East Boston," and beg to report that the sewage in the district referred to, formerly discharging upon the flats in this particular territory, has been diverted to the intercepting sewer and is no longer discharged upon the flats between Jeffries Point and Wood Island. The flats, however, have been polluted to such a degree that it will be many years, if they remain uncovered, before they will be free from their present most offensive condition.

In the judgment of this Board these flats are a nuisance and prejudicial to the health and comfort of the people of East Boston. These flats could be kept covered with water at a moderate expense, and this remedy has been urged by the Board of Health in years past.

Respectfully,

The Board of Health,

SAMUEL J. DURGIN, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Sale of Land in Brookline.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 16 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: Enclosed is a communication from the Water Commissioner recommending the sale of two parcels of land, situated in the Town of Brookline, which are no longer required for the purposes of his Department. A draft of an order, drawn by the Law Department, authorizing the sale, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

WATER DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, April 5, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: The Goddard Land Company desires to purchase from the City of Boston a lot of land in Brookline, which was acquired by the Water Department by purchase from the Goddard heirs in 1871, for the location of a pipe route, with rights and privileges in and over and upon the said land; the city to reserve a strip through the centre where the water pipes of this Department are now laid, as shown on a plan made by William Jackson, City Engineer, dated April 4, 1900. The two strips of land to be sold appear on the plan in color, one lot covering an area of 17,485 square feet, and the other an area of 2,673 square feet.

As the city has no further need of these two lots of land I would recommend that they be sold, if a fair price can be obtained for the property.

The Goddard Land Company entered into negotiations with my predecessor in June last for the purchase of this land, but no terms were agreed upon. The Goddard Land Company now renews its offer to purchase the land and proposes to leave the matter out to referees.

I would suggest that the correspondence now in possession of this Department be referred to Mr. Bailey, the Corporation Counsel, to prepare an order to be presented to the City Council, authorizing the Water Commissioner, with the approval of the Mayor, to dispose of this land provided satisfactory terms can be made, either to the Goddard Land Company, or to any other person or persons.

Very respectfully,

A. P. MARTIN, Water Commissioner.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, April 12, 1900, at 7.45 P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

The following messages from the Mayor were received:

Searchlights on Ferry-houses.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 3 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reference to the advisability of placing searchlights on the ferry-houses, for use in foggy weather, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, March 30, 1900.

TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

Returning herewith an order of the Common Council, requesting a report on the advisability of placing searchlights on both sides of both ferries, I beg to say that I do not consider it expedient to have these lights erected.

Respectfully submitted,

B. T. WHEELER,

Superintendent of Streets.

Placed on file.

Protection Against Fire at Rainsford Island.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 5 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Trustees for Children, in answer to your request for a report as to the guard service and the protection against fire at Rainsford Island, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT,

32 Tremont Street, April 4, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In accordance with the order passed at the meeting of the Common Council on March 22, referred to our Board by you, I send you enclosed a letter from the Superintendent of the House of Reformation.

Respectfully yours,

H. A. LAMB, Chairman.

HOUSE OF REFORMATION, RAINSFORD ISLAND.

March 28, 1900.

TO THE TRUSTEES FOR CHILDREN:

In response to the order of the Common Council, passed at their last meeting, and referred to you for reply, requesting me to

furnish a report as to the guard service and the the protection against fire at Rainsford Island, I would respectfully submit the following:

First, I cannot too strongly emphasize the fact that the fire service here has been, and is, totally and dangerously inadequate. There is not sufficient water pressure to throw a stream to the top of any of the comparatively low buildings on the Island. Our entire water supply comes through a four-inch pipe, which taps a six-inch main, extending from the city a distance of seven miles to supply Long Island and several other smaller islands besides Rainsford.

The insufficiency of the water supply was strikingly illustrated at the fire here a week ago. The printing office first took fire; a hose was dragged up the stairs and turned on the flames. Then it was discovered that the dining-hall below was on fire, and another hose was drawn in that direction. But the pressure was not sufficient to force a stream through the two lines at the same time, so the water had to be shut off from the upper line and directed for a time against the flames in the dining-hall; and in this way, alternating between the two lines of hose above and below, the officers and instructors after a tremendous struggle subdued the flames.

The main buildings here are veritable fire traps, two of them at least fifty years old, never designed and utterly unfit for their present uses. One structure, in particular, a dilapidated wooden building, now used for a play-room and manual training school, is unhealthy and unsafe, a constant source of anxiety to the officers in charge, and a menace to the lives of those who are compelled to use it. I would recommend its immediate demolition and the erection on its site of a brick building to contain a play-room, additional officers' quarters, rooms for manual training and four or five school-rooms.

Considering the inflammable nature of the buildings, their disconnected arrangement, and the large number of outbuildings and passages, I would strongly recommend that a sea-water service sufficient for the protection of the chief buildings on the island, be provided for as soon as possible. I have been informed that the Trustees for Children have on two occasions strongly urged that provision be made for such service at Rainsford Island, but their efforts have met with no success.

Many boys sent back here from probation, at the age which should exclude them from further association with the younger boys and render them properly subject to commitment to an Institution more suited to young criminals of a desperate character, return to this Institution with no friendly feeling towards its management, and besides exerting a generally evil influence on their younger companions, are constantly hatching plans to escape which can be circumvented only by the most extreme watchfulness. When it is known that three-sevenths of the boys here are over sixteen years of age, and two-thirds are over fifteen, the necessity of the present guard service can be better realized. The Board of Trustees, I am sure, will act favorably upon any recommendation made by me in this regard.

Last year a fire was started by the boys, which resulted in a very serious loss of property. Seven boys were convicted of the crime, but they were sent back, after their trial, to this Institution, as the cases were placed on

file. Their return to the Island has been followed by an increased spirit of unrest among the boys, possessed, as their minds have been, with a mania for starting fires as a means of escape. Two of these very boys implicated in the fire of last year have confessed to taking part in setting the fire which occurred here a week ago.

In short, more ample fire service is absolutely needed here, both for the protection of the city's property and for the preservation of the lives of the children entrusted to my charge.

Respectfully,

SUMNER D. SEAVEY, Superintendent.

Assigned to the next meeting.

Stony Brook Damages—Deficit.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 12 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the City Auditor giving notice of a deficit in the appropriation for Stony brook damages is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

AUDITING DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, April 12, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: An execution of court amounting to \$3,019.79 has been paid on account of Stony brook damages, for which there is no appropriation.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES H. DODGE, City Auditor.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved April 13, 1900:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to James S. Rogers the sum of \$338.72, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Clarendon park, for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2661, fol. 310.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to George F. Mackintire the sum of \$46.95, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on North Harvard street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2581, fol. 92.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to William M. Paul the sum of \$49.23, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40 of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 14 Barnes street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2662, fol. 44.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Harriet F. Lauriat the sum of \$201.83, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 29 Bainbridge street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2500, fol. 87.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Harriet F. Lauriat the sum of \$167.17, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 31 Bainbridge street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2500, fol. 89.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved April 11, 1900:

Permits to project signs, poles on which to hang clothing, etc. viz.:

Harry Wilensky, 19 Salem street, Ward 6.

Joseph Rofelsahn, 46 Merrimac street, Ward 6.

Joseph Rofelsahn, 40 Merrimac street, Ward 6.

Wolf Moskowitch, 10 Salem street, Ward 6.

Leo B. Cohen, 251 Hanover street, Ward 6.

Morris Cohen, 24 Salem street, Ward 6.

Simon Freedman, 64 Salem street, Ward 6.

Joseph Aronson, clothes-hanger, 5 Salem street, Ward 6.

Julius Goldstein, rope on which to hang shoes, 65 Cross street, Ward 6.

Joseph Freed, pole, 9 Salem street, Ward 6.

Charles Goldstein, two poles, one at 37-39 Salem street, and one at 55 Cross street, Ward 6.

Charles M. Rudginsky, 18 Cross street, Ward 6.

Isaac Gatoff, 59 Fleet street, Ward 6.

Hyman Levenson, 59 Cross street, Ward 6.

Philip Cohen, two poles, one at 38 Salem street, and one on Cross street, corner of Salem street, Ward 6.

Lazer Harris, iron hooks, 55 Fleet street, Ward 6.

Harris Cohen, pole, 39 Fleet street, Ward 6.

Thomas O'Connor, pole on which to hang dry goods, 320 Hanover street, Ward 6.

Charles Shapera, pole on which to hang tinware, 296 Hanover street, Ward 6.

Joseph Marcus, pole, 290 North street, Ward 6.

Jacob Shaffer, iron hooks, 284 North street, Ward 6.

Samuel Glass, pole, 77 Prince street, Ward 6.

S. & S. Winetsky, iron hooks, 270 North street, Ward 6.

Jacob Todtman, iron hooks, 5 Endicott street, Ward 6.

Wolf Levy, pole, 204 Friend street, corner Travers street, Ward 6.

Union Hat Company, iron hooks on which to hang bags, gloves, etc., 139 Hanover street, Ward 6.

Domencio Galluccio, two barber poles, 126 Salem street, Ward 6.

Louis Russo, three barber poles, 158 Salem street, Ward 6.

Samuel Glass, sign, 77 Prince street, Ward 6.

Simpson Brothers, sign, 15 Merchants' row, Ward 6.

Harrison Bottling Company, V sign, 160 Commercial street, Ward 6.

Bernard Gordon, wire on which to hang clothing, 148 Salem street, Ward 6.

Harry Boyarsky, pole, 78 Sumner street, Ward 2.

Isidor Sonnabend, fifteen iron hooks, 241 Hanover street, Ward 6.

Julius Rosen, iron hooks and a sign, 13½ Cross street, Ward 6.

A. Susser, five hooks, 207 Hanover street, Ward 6.

Paul Brothers, iron hooks, 272 Hanover street, Ward 6.

Samuel L. Cohen, pole, 9 Endicott street, Ward 6.

Joseph Segal, pole, 18 Salem street, Ward 6.

Israel Aronson, pole, 48 Salem street, Ward 6.

Hyman Rosenthal, pole, 50 Salem street, Ward 6.

Joseph Feinberg, pole, 58-60 Salem street, Ward 6.

S. Dubinsky, pole, 236 North street, Ward 6.

Marks Feinberg, pole, 52 Salem street, Ward 6.

Marks I. Cohen, two pole signs, one at 51 Endicott street, and one on Cross street, Ward 6.

Abram Shneider, sign, 9 Broadway extension, Ward 7.

Israel Sternberg, pole and canvas sign, 41 Carver street, Ward 7.

Antonio Gherichiello, flag-pole, 145 Portland street, Ward 6.

Jacob Rosenthal, sign, 88½ Prince street, Ward 6.

Sam Balsama, barber-pole, 639 Atlantic avenue, Ward 6.

Antonio Gherichiello, flag-pole, 175 Portland street, Ward 6.

Sang Lung, sign, 426 Hanover street, Ward 6.

Joe Frazzini, sign, 6 Sheafe street, Ward 6.

Antonio Meolli, three barber poles, 135 Endicott street, Ward 6.

Guiseppe Forte, two barber poles, 181 Charlestown street, and two at 220 Endicott street, Ward 6.

Joe Stornio, four barber poles, 127 Endicott street, Ward 6.

John Fraser, two barber poles, 57 Endicott street, Ward 6.

Abraham Cohen, pole on which to hang clothing, 398 Hanover street, Ward 6.

Jacob Friedman, six iron hooks, 416 Hanover street, Ward 6.

George W. Lane, six iron hooks, 206 Commercial street, Ward 6.

Harry Levin, ten iron hooks, 25 Border street, Ward 2.

Israel Naylor, six iron hooks, 236 Hanover street, Ward 6.

Israel Naylor, three iron hooks, 21 Charlestown street, Ward 6.

John W. McKey, twenty iron hooks, 58 Shawmut avenue, Ward 7.

On the petition of Catherine Scanlan that this Board estimate the damages sustained by her by the taking, on the twenty-eight day of August, 1899, of certain land situated on Beacham street and Arlington avenue, in that part of Boston formerly Charlestown, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, as in said petition is more fully set forth, on which land the Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank is the owner of a mortgage, and on a portion of which land Richard P. Kelly and James Grealey, doing business as Richard P. Kelly & Co., are the owners of a lease:

It now appearing that due notice has been given to the owner of said estate, to said mortgagees and to said lessees of the pendency of said petition, it is, after due consideration, hereby

Ordered, That the damages sustained by said owner of said land, by said mortgagees, and by said lessees, be estimated at \$1 each.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John C. Crowley, to erect, maintain and use a guy-post with the necessary ropes attached, at or near 51 Wensley street, Ward 19; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1900, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Richard Bradley, trustee, to construct, maintain and use an area twenty-two feet long, ten feet in width, with sidewalk light covers, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 47-48 South Market street, Ward 6; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1900, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to William A. Gaston, trustee, to construct, maintain and use areas with coal-hole openings and sidewalk light covers under and in the sidewalk on Federal, High and Purchase streets, according to the dimensions as shown on a plan on file in the permit office of the Street Department; the work to be completed on or before July 1, 1900, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Orders, directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of the following-named estates; said sidewalk to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, with granite edgestone, the owner to furnish said material, and to be built as hereinafter described, viz.:

Arthur H. Flint, 825-827 East Second street, Ward 14 (brick).

Mrs. Strong, 428 Meridian street, Ward 1 (brick).

John F. Dempsey, 73-75 Ruthven street, Ward 21 (artificial stone).

The following was approved April 12: Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Isaac Blair & Co. to move a wooden building, flat roof, thirty-five feet in length, by twenty-five feet in width, by eighteen feet in height, from lot (about) No. 1125 Dorchester avenue, across said avenue, to No. 1146 Dorchester avenue, Ward 20, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

COMMITTEE ON IMPROVEMENT OF BOSTON HARBOR.

The following-named representatives of business interests and commercial organizations of Boston appeared before the Committee on Rivers and Harbors of Congress, on Tuesday, the seventeenth instant, in behalf of the proposed improvement of Boston Harbor and the repair of the Post Office building:

Hon. Thomas N. Hart, Mayor of Boston; Hon. Woodward Emery, Chairman of the Massachusetts Harbor and Land Commission; William H. Lincoln, President of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, and resident-director of the Leyland Steamship Line, Boston and Liverpool; Elwyn G. Preston, Secretary of the Boston Chamber of Commerce; J. Richard Carter, President of the Boston Merchants' Association; Robert A. Boit, President of the Boston Associated Board of Trade; Hon. George H. Lyman, Collector of the Port of Boston; William F. Berry, second Vice-president and General Traffic Manager of the Boston and Maine Railroad; A. S. Crane, General Traffic Manager of the Fitchburg Railroad; John Mason Little, President of the Boston Real Estate Exchange; Clinton White, member of Massachusetts Harbor and Land Commission; G. B. Lehy, President of the Boston Fruit and Produce Exchange; John C. Cobb, Hon. Charles S. Hamlin, Jerome Jones, Robert E. Burnett, resident-manager Wilson's and Furness-Leyland Steamship lines, Boston and London and Antwerp; William E. Stevenson, representing Allan Steamship Line, Boston and Glasgow; John Wyld, resident-manager of the Johnston Steamship Line, Boston and London and Hamburg; Charles E. Adams, President of the Massachusetts State Board of Trade; Washington B. Thomas, Vice-president of the American Sugar Refining Company and Henry W. Peabody of the Peabody Australasian Line.

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26. H. B. 2, an Act to incorporate the City Trust Company, p. 98.	Banks and Banking. Jan. 10.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H.(H.B.2.)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 5.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.
27. H. B. 22, an Act to regulate the price of gas in the City of Boston, p. 37.	Manufactures. Jan. 10.	Mch. 2, 7, 12, 14, 28, Apr. 4, 23. Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H.(H.B.32)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 5.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.
28. H. B. 32, an Act to extend the time for filing petitions for the assessment of damages accruing from the alterations of the grade crossing of Dorchester avenue in the City of Boston and the Old Colony Railroad, p. 37.	Railroads. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.								
29. H. R. 33, a Resolve relative to the assumption of possession of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth, p. 37.	Railroads. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.								
30. H. B. 36, an Act to authorize the lease of the Boston and Albany Railroad to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, p. 37.	Railroads. Jan. 10.	Mch. 1, 21, 29. Apr. 5, 12, 16.								
31. H. B. 37, an Act relative to appeals in case of the taking of land as private property by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, and to confirm its takings of land as private property in the County of Suffolk, p. 37.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 23. Feb. 6, 8. Closed.	Mch. 29. H(H.B.1181)	Apr. 4.	Apr. 10.	Apr. 12. S.	Apr. 13.	Apr. 16.		
32. H. B. 97, an Act relative to the establishment of gas and electric light plants by the City of Boston, p. 37.	Manufactures. Jan. 11.	Feb. 21, 23. Apr. 10, 12. Closed.								
33. H. R. 99, a Resolve relative to the purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth, p. 38.	Railroads. Jan. 11.	Jan. 24, 31. Closed.								
34. H. B. 114, an Act relative to the nomination of Mayor in the City of Boston and Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 38.	Election Laws. Jan. 12.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 28. H.(N.G.C.)							
35. H. B. 160, an Act to provide for the appointment of a Police Commissioner and a Board of Excise Commissioners for the City of Boston, p. 38.	Liquor Law. Jan. 15.	Feb. 14. Closed.	Mch. 21. H.(L.W.)							
36. H. B. 161, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside its debt limit to erect school-houses in Ward 22 in said city, p. 39.	Cities. Jan. 16. To Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 17.	Feb. 23, 26. Closed.								
37. H. B. 179, an Act relative to the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen in Boston, p. 39.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Jan. 25. Closed.	Jan. 25. H.(N.P.)							
38. H. B. 180, an Act relative to the President of the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 39.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Jan. 25. Closed.	Jan. 25. H.(N.P.)							
39. H. B. 192, an Act to incorporate the Boston Life Assurance Company, p. 40.	Insurance. Jan. 17.	Jan. 30. Closed.	Mch. 15. H(H.B.1097)							
40. H. B. 198, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's and Chandler's ponds in the City of Boston and City of Newton, p. 51. (See also No. 76.)	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 17.	Jan. 26. Closed.	Mch. 7. H.(L.W.)							
41. H. B. 204, an Act to provide for the transfer of the Harris collection of the Charlestown Public Library to the Central Library of the City of Boston, p. 51. (See also No. 24.)	Judiciary (House). Jan. 18.	Jan. 30. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (N. P.)							
42. H. R. 208, a Resolve in favor of submitting to a popular vote the question of State ownership of the Boston and Albany Railroad, p. 51.	Railroads. Jan. 19.	Feb. 9. Closed.								
43. H. B. 217, an Act to incorporate the Johnson Buildings, p. 52.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 18.	Jan. 31. Closed.	Feb. 5. H.(H.B.943)	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	Feb. 13. S.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 20.	H. Feb. 23. S. Feb. 28.	App. Mch. 2.
44. H. B. 224, an Act relative to subways and tunnels in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 18.	Jan. 30. Feb. 27. Closed.	Mch. 2. H.(L.W.)							
45. H. B. 260, an Act relative to granting liquor licenses in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Liquor Law. Jan. 22.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 26. H.(N.P.)							
46. H. B. 293, an Act relative to the Boston Fire Department, p. 51.	Cities. Jan. 23.	Feb. 12. Closed.	Mch. 15. H.(L.W.)							
47. H. B. 295, an Act relative to the registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Election Laws. Jan. 23.	Feb. 8. Closed.	Feb. 28. H.(L.W.)							
48. H. B. 296, an Act to define residence as a requisite for voting in the City of Boston, p. 52.										
49. H. B. 298, an Act to provide for a high-school building in the Charlestown District of the City of Boston, p. 52.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	Feb. 23. Closed.								

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50. H. R. 308, a Resolve to confirm the acts of Charles W. Whittier as a Justice of the Peace, p. 52.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 23.	Jan. 30. Closed.	Jan. 30. H (H.R.308)	Jan. 31	Feb. 2.	Feb. 6. S.	Feb. 7.	Feb. 8.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.
51. H. B. 321, an Act in addition to an act to incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company in the City of Boston, p. 52.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 23.	Feb. 2. Closed.	Feb. 5. H (H.B.347)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7.	Feb. 9. S.	Feb. 12.	Feb. 13.	H. Feb. 15. S. Feb. 19.	App. Feb. 20.
52. H. B. 325, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Catherine C. Dodge, p. 52.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 26. Closed.	Mch. 15. S. (N. P.)							
53. H. B. 326, an Act relative to the Metropolitan Water Board, p. 52.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 24.	Jan. 31. Feb. 6. Closed.	Feb. 8. H. (L. W.)							
54. H. B. 337, an Act relative to the pensioning of war veterans who are members of the Fire Department of the City of Boston, p. 52.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 5. Closed.	Feb. 8. H. (L. W.)							
55. H. B. 343, an Act to provide for the construction of a hospital in East Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 24.	Feb. 6. Closed.	Feb. 16. H (H.B.399)	Feb. 19.	Feb. 23.	Feb. 27. S.	Mch. 1. Rej.			
56. H. B. 355, an Act to incorporate the Marine Park Tower Company, p. 53.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 24.	Feb. 9, 13. Closed.	Mch. 21. H (H.B.1123)	Apr. 3. Rej.						
57. H. B. 370, an Act to authorize the Lexington and Boston Street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property, p. 53.	Street Railways. Jan. 30.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 28. H (H.B.1172)	Apr. 6.						
58. H. B. 371, an Act to authorize the Fitchburg Railroad Company to take lands in Boston for freight purposes, p. 53.	Railroads. Jan. 25.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
59. H. B. 375, an Act relative to the improvement of Stony brook in the City of Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 25.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
60. H. B. 386, an Act to regulate the price of gas in that portion of the City of Boston known as East Boston, p. 53.	Manufactures. Jan. 25.	Mch. 2, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28. Apr. 4, 23. Closed.	Feb. 14. H (H.B.397)							
61. H. B. 397, an Act to authorize and direct the Metropolitan Park Commission to acquire Fuller's wharf, in Brighton, as a part of the Charles-river reservation, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 25.	Feb. 6. Closed.	Feb. 14. H (H.B.397)							
62. H. B. 411, an Act relative to the fares charged by any street railway operating in the City of Boston, p. 68.	Street Railways. Jan. 26.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 9. H. (L. W.)							
63. H. R. 417, Resolutions relative to an appropriation by the Congress of the United States for the improvement of Boston Harbor, p. 68.	Federal Relations. Jan. 29.	Feb. 2. Closed.	Feb. 2. H (H.R.417)		Feb. 6. Ad.	Feb. 8. S.		Feb. 9. Ad.		
64. H. B. 420, an Act to regulate the price of gas in the City of Boston, p. 68.	Manufactures. Jan. 29.	Mch. 2, 7, 14, 19, 26. Apr. 4, 23. Closed.	Feb. 7. H. (L. W.)							
65. H. B. 434, an Act to further define the duties of Boards of Registrars of Voters in all the cities of the Commonwealth, p. 68.	Election Laws. Jan. 29.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 7. H. (L. W.)							
66. H. B. 435, an Act to extend the time for building the Boston, Quincy and Fall River Bicycle Railway, p. 68.	Street Railways. Jan. 29.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Feb. 26. H (H.B.435)	Mch. 1.	Mch. 2.	Mch. 6. S.	Mch. 7.	Mch. 9.	H. Mch. 13. S. Mch. 15.	App. Mch. 16.
67. H. B. 441, an Act to require the Metropolitan Park Commission to rebuild the bridge over the Neponset river, between Blue Hills parkway in the Town of Milton and Mattapan square in the City of Boston, p. 69.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 29.	Feb. 6. Closed.								
68. H. B. 448, an Act in favor of Anna W. Wason, p. 69.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 16. Closed.	Mch. 16. H (H.B.1103)	Mch. 19.	Mch. 20.	Mch. 22. S.	Mch. 23.	Mch. 26.	H. Mch. 28. S. Apr. 2.	App. Apr. 3.
69. H. B. 449, an Act to provide rooms in the City of Boston in which to hold the Probate Court of Norfolk County in certain cases, p. 69.	Counties. Jan. 29.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 20. H (H.B.449)	Mch. 21.	Mch. 23.	Mch. 27. S.				
70. H. B. 478, an Act to exempt the estate No. 13 Compton street in the City of Boston from the operation of the building laws, p. 69.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 9. Closed.	Mch. 28. S. (L. W.)							
71. H. B. 495, an Act to regulate the distribution of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 69.	Liquor Law. Jan. 30.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 26. H. (L. W.)							
72. H. B. 499, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside of its debt limit to erect a municipal building in South Boston, p. 70.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13. Closed.								
73. H. B. 515, an Act to extend the time for filing petitions for the assessment of damages accruing from the location and construction of railroads under the provisions of the Act to provide for a South Union station, p. 70.	Railroads. Jan. 30.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 19. H. (L. W.)							
74. H. B. 516, an act relative to the Boston and Suburban Express Company, p. 70.	Street Railways. Jan. 30.	Mch. 9, 27. Closed.								

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75. H. B. 523, an Act to revise the charter of the City of Boston, p. 70.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Apr. 4.	Apr. 4. H.(N.G.C.)							
76. H. B. 537, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's and Chaudler's ponds by the Metropolitan Park Commission, p. 71. (See also No. 40.)	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 13. Closed.	Mch. 13. H.(N.G.C.)							
77. H. B. 540, an Act relative to the disposition of fees for the solemnization of marriages received by the City Registrar or Assistant City Registrar of the City of Boston, p. 71.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 31.	Feb. 26. Closed.	Mch. 26. S.(N.G.C.)							
78. H. B. 545, a Resolve relative to the building known as the Westminster Chambers in the City of Boston, p. 71. (See also No. 81.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 6. Closed.								
79. H. B. 551, an Act to promote the location and construction of freight tracks on the Commonwealth flats in South Boston, p. 71.	Harbors and Public Lands. Jan. 31.	Feb. 20, 26. Mch. 2, 9. Closed.	Apr. 12. H. (H. B.)							
80. H. B. 561, an Act to rebuild the Broadway bridge in the City of Boston, p. 71.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 13. Closed.								
81. H. B. 567, an Act relative to the building at the corner of St. James avenue and Trinity place in the City of Boston, p. 71. (See also No. 78.)	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 6. Closed.								
82. H. B. 568, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of William J. Ryan, p. 71.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 26. Closed.								
83. H. B. 576, an Act to authorize the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company to establish a guaranty capital, p. 71.	Insurance. Jan. 31.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Mch. 16. H(H.B.1105)	Mch. 19.	Mch. 26.	Mch. 28. S.	Mch. 29.	Apr. 2. Am.	H. Apr. 6. S. Apr. 10.	App. Apr. 11.
84. H. B. 579, an Act relative to the hiring of laborers by the City of Boston, p. 72.	Labor. Jan. 31.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Apr. 16. H. (L. W.)							
85. H. B. 587, an Act to provide for the construction of the esplanade on Charles river, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 14. Closed.	Feb. 19. H. (L.W.)							
86. H. B. 598, an Act relative to the appointment of pilots and Pilot Commissioners for Boston harbor, p. 72.	Judiciary (House) Jan. 31.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (L.W.)							
87. H. B. 600, an Act relative to the appointment of court officers in the municipal courts in the County of Suffolk, p. 99.	Judiciary (House) Jan. 31.	Mch. 1. Closed.	Apr. 2. H (H.B.600)							
88. H. B. 606, an Act to provide for additional subways in the City of Boston, p. 72.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 12, 22, 29, Apr. 5. Closed.								
89. H. B. 608, a Resolve to confirm the acts of James E. Leach as a Justice of Peace, p. 73.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 31.	Feb. 19. Closed.	Feb. 19. H(H.R.608)	Feb. 20.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 26. S.	Feb. 27.	Feb. 28.	H. Mch. 2. S. Mch. 6.	App. Mch. 7.
90. H. B. 621, an Act relative to expenses of medical examiners and other county officers, p. 73.	Counties. Feb. 1.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 26. H. (L.W.)							
91. H. B. 622, an Act relative to caucuses in the City of Boston, p. 73.	Election Laws. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Mch. 27. H(H.B.1157)							
92. H. B. 631, an Act relative to the pensioning of war veterans who are members of the police force of the City of Boston, p. 74.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 8. H. (N.P.)							
93. H. B. 638, an Act relative to parkways in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
94. H. B. 639, an Act to direct the Boston Transit Commission to widen Pleasant street in the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15, 27, Mch. 12, 22, 29, Apr. 5. Closed.								
95. H. B. 640, an Act to provide for establishing a playground to meet the wants of Wards 15 and 16 of the City of Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
96. H. B. 654, an Act relative to the advertising of legal notices in the County of Suffolk and City of Boston, p. 74.	Judiciary (House) Feb. 1.	Mch. 1. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (N.P.)							
97. H. B. 660, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside the debt limit for the purpose of completing its public parks, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
98. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the crossings of railroads and public ways in East Boston, p. 74.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Mch. 9, 19, 27, Apr. 2, 11. Closed.								
99. H. B. 676, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to establish and maintain an industrial school, p. 99.	Cities. Feb. 1. To Education. Feb. 7	Feb. 23, 28. Closed.	Mch. 8. H(H.B.676)	Mch. 9.	Mch. 12.	Mch. 14. S.	Mch. 15.	Mch. 16.	H. Mch. 20. S. Mch. 22.	App. Mch. 23.

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100. H. B. 678, an Act relative to the School Committee of the City of Boston, p. 83.	Education. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21, 27. Closed.	Mch. 21. H.(N.G.C.)							
101. H. B. 679, an Act to establish a School-house Department in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Education. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21, 27. Closed.	Mch. 21. H.(N.G.C.)							
102. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the number of liquor licenses which may be issued by cities and towns, p. 90.	Liquor Law. Feb. 1.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (L. W.)							
103. H. B. 688, an Act to provide for the creation and disbursement of a public school janitor's retirement fund in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Mch. 19. H. (L. W.)							
104. H. B. 689, an Act to incorporate the South Bay Wharf and Warehouse Company, p. 84.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 7. Closed.	Apr. 3. H(H B 1202)							
105. H. B. 690, an Act to provide for the construction of additional subways in the City of Boston, p. 84.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 27. Closed.	Mch. 12. H. (L. W.)							
106. H. B. 691, an Act to regulate the erection and maintenance of school buildings in the City of Boston, p. 140.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 23, 26. Closed.	Mch. 19. H. (L. W.)							
107. H. B. 693, an Act relative to the parks, parkways and boulevards of the City of Boston, p. 90.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 6. H. (L. W.)							
108. H. B. 694, an Act relative to streets and lands in the neighborhood of parks, parkways and boulevards in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 6. H. (L. W.)							
109. H. B. 713, an Act to abolish fees for dog licenses in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Probate and Insolvency. Feb. 1.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H.(H.B.713)	Feb. 21.	Feb. 23.	Mch. 1. S.	Mch. 15. Rej.			
110. H. B. 723, an Act relative to Back street in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 1. To Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 8.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 5. H.(H.B.723)	Mch. 6.	Mch. 8.	Mch. 12. S.	Mch. 13.	Mch. 15.	H. Mch. 19. S. Mch. 20.	App. Mch. 23.
111. H. B. 726, an Act for the purchase by the Commonwealth of the road, franchise, property, rights and privileges of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, p. 85.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 27. Mch. 20, 21, 23. Closed.								
112. H. B. 729, an Act to enlarge the Board of Railroad Commissioners and to purchase the Boston and Albany Railroad, p. 85.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Mch. 20, 21, 23. Apr. 2. Closed.								
113. H. B. 740, an Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 353 of the Acts of 1892, relative to pensioning members of the Police Department of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	Mch. 8. H. (N. P.)							
114. H. B. 746, an Act to provide fenders on certain conveyances operating in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. Mch. 6, 13. Closed.	Mch. 15. H. (N. P.)							
115. H. B. 748, an Act relative to the election of aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 14. Closed.	Apr. 3. S. (N. P.)							
116. H. B. 752, an Act relative to the appointment of constables in the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 6. H. (L. W.)							
117. H. B. 756, an Act relative to the appointment of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 80.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Mch. 5. H. (N. P.)							
118. H. B. 758, an Act to provide for the care and support of the insane by the Commonwealth, p. 80.	Public Charitable Institutions. Feb. 2.	Apr. 10. Closed.	Apr. 10. H. (N. P.)							
119. H. B. 772, an Act relative to the construction of tenement-houses in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Mch. 1, 9, 13. Closed.	Apr. 4. S. (S.B. 157.) T in S Apr 5 T T Apr 10	Apr. 13.						
120. H. B. 775, an Act relative to registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 87.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (L. W.)							
121. H. B. 776, an Act relative to names upon the voting lists of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 26. H(H B 1151)	Mch. 28.	Apr. 4.	Apr. 5. S.	Apr. 10.	Apr. 11.	H. Apr. 13. S. Apr. 17.	
122. H. B. 784, an Act to incorporate the First Motor Vehicle Company, p. 88.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13, 14. Closed.	Mch. 21. H. (L. W.)							
123. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston to lay out and construct a bicycle path across the Common, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L. W.)							
124. H. B. 788, an Act relative to the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Mch. 7.	Mch. 7. H.(N.G.C.)							
125. H. B. 789, an Act relative to the system of playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
126. H. B. 796, an Act relative to pensioning medical examiners of the County of Suffolk, p. 88.	Public Health. Feb. 2. To Public Service. Feb. 7.	Mch. 9. Closed.	Mch. 9. S. (L. W.)							

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127. H. B. 802, an Act to limit all steam railroads to a five-cent fare within the limits of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 28. H. (L.W.)							
128. H. B. 804, an Act to authorize persons qualified to vote for Governor to vote at the next State election on the question of the purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth, p. 100.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	Mch. 6. Closed.								
129. H. B. 825, an Act relating to the Probate and Insolvency Court for the County of Suffolk, p. 100.	Public Service. Feb. 2.	Mch. 8. Closed.								
130. H. B. 830, an Act relative to the appointment of inspectors of milk for the City of Boston, p. 100.	Agriculture. Feb. 5.	Mch. 7. Closed.	Mch. 14. H. (N.P.)							
131. H. B. 832, an Act relative to the opening of streets in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2, 12. Closed.	Mch. 14. H. (N.P.)							
132. H. B. 844, an Act relative to membership of Metropolitan commissions, p. 100.	Public Service. Feb. 5.	Feb. 20. Mch. 8. Closed.	Apr. 4. H. (N.P.)							
133. H. B. 845, an Act to provide for minority representation on the Metropolitan commissions, p. 101.	Public Service. Feb. 15.	Feb. 20. Mch. 8. Closed.	Apr. 4. H. (N.P.)							
134. H. B. 848, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 28. H. (N.P.)							
135. H. B. 851, an Act relative to extension of system of the Boston Elevated Railway Company in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Street Railways. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 5. H. (N.P.)							
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137. H. B. 867, an Act relative to the construction of cellars in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 9, 13. Closed.	Apr. 2. S. (S.B. 155)	Apr. 3.	Apr. 4.	Apr. 6. H.				
138. H. B. 876, an Act to regulate the election of caucus officers in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Election Laws. Feb. 5.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 15. H. (L.W.)							
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143. H. B. 914, an Act to exempt the City of Boston from the provisions of the civil service laws, p. 102.	Public Service. Feb. 5.	Mch. 13, 20, 22, 27, 30. Closed.	Apr. 3. S. (L.W.)							
144. H. B. 919, an Act to regulate railroad fares in the suburban district of Boston, p. 102.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 28. H. (H B 919)	Apr. 5.						
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146. H. B. 924, an Act to provide for a Greater Boston by permitting towns and cities adjoining to be annexed by concurrent vote, p. 120.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 5.	Mch. 7. Closed.								
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148. H. B. 939, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to license business brokers, p. 121.	Judiciary (House.) Feb. 5.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
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151. H. B. 1024, an Act to change the name of the House for the employment and reformation of boys in Suffolk County and for other purposes, p. 122.	Prisons. Mch. 22.	Apr. 2. Closed.	Apr. 3. H. (H B 1205)	Apr. 4.						
152. H. B. 1228, an Act to provide for an employees' retirement fund in the City of Boston, p. 233.	Cities. Jan. 10.	Jan. 26. Feb. 8, 23. Closed.	Apr. 6. H. (H B 1228)							

H., signifies House; S., Senate; B., Bill; R., Resolve; (N. P.), Ought not to Pass; (L. W.), Leave to Withdraw; N. G. C., Next General Court; Rej., Rejected; Am., Amended; App., Approved; Ad., Adopted; Sub., Substituted; T., Tabled; T. T., Taken from Table.

Board Meetings.

Hospital Department.

March 5, 1900.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held at the office of the President on March 5, 1900, at 1 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague and Rueter.

It was voted that the President be directed to request of the City Council, through the Mayor, the transfer to the Hospital Department for the purposes of a relief station, in addition to and adjoining the land already given for that purpose, the tract of land at the corner of Haymarket square and Haverhill street, Boston, marked in red lines on a plan entitled "Kendall's Plan," upon verification by the proper city official of said boundary lines as marked.

The Medical Committee reported in favor of the appointment of Dr. Lawrence W. Strong as second assistant to the physicians for diseases of the nervous system for the period of six months, as requested by Dr. Prince. It was voted that said appointment be made as recommended by the Medical Committee.

March 9, 1900.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held on March 9, 1900, at 2 P.M.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Sprague and Rueter.

The regular monthly bills were submitted and approved, and the President was authorized to draw upon the City Auditor for the amount thereof, \$23,341.89.

It was voted that the regular monthly draft on account of Ann White Vose building, furnishing, amounting to \$1,661.61, be approved, and that the President be authorized to draw upon the City Auditor for the amount thereof.

It was voted that there be paid to the Poland Laundry Machinery Company the sum of \$308, the same being final payment and in settlement of their contract of December 31, 1898, for furnishing and installing laundry machinery; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for new buildings, new laundry building, Hospital Department.

It was voted that there be paid to H. & A. Morse & Co. the sum of \$3,306, the same being in payment of 870 tons of pea coal delivered at the Boston City Hospital wharf per barge "Richardson"; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

Upon the recommendation of the Medical Committee, it was voted that the resignation of Dr. John G. Blake as senior visiting physician for diseases of women be accepted.

Upon the recommendation of the Medical Committee, it was voted that Dr. John G. Blake be appointed to the position of senior physician.

The portion of the communication of the secretary of the senior staff dated February 26, 1900, upon the matter of a relief service

on the medical side of the Hospital, similar to that on the surgical side, was referred to the Medical Committee.

Mr. Sprague gave notice of change of Rule 2, so as to authorize the election of the staff at an earlier date than therein fixed.

A communication was received from Dr. William P. Bolles, President of the City Hospital Alumni Association, thanking the Trustees for the hospitality extended to the association upon the occasion of their annual visit to the Hospital.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at the women's department on March 8, 1900.

Present: Dr. Baldwin, Messrs. Connelly, Goddard and Sanderson.

In the absence of the Secretary Mr. Connelly was elected Secretary pro tempore.

The bills for the month, amounting to \$6,420.38, were referred to the Committee on Supplies for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

The pay-roll for the month, amounting to \$3,603.07, was referred to the Committee on Service for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

It was voted that the Chairman confer with the Mayor, informally, in regard to the printing bills.

The committee asked for an extension of time before making their report, which was granted.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds reported progress.

The request from Alderman F. L. Codman, that Annie M. Curran be transferred back to the Boston Insane Hospital from Medfield, was referred to the Committee on Insane in Other Hospitals with full powers.

The leave of absence of Dr. Roberts was extended to June 1.

The question of the purchase of dishes was referred to the Committee on Supplies with full powers.

The question of the place of future meetings was left to the Chairman.

The population on March 7, 1900, was as follows:

	Men.	Women.	Total.
In house	244	241	485
On visit	4	13	17
Total	248	254	502

C. JAMES CONNELLY,

Secretary pro tempore.

Library Department.

Friday, March 23, 1900.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, DeNormandie, Bowditch, Dwight and Lincoln.

The Librarian's weekly report was received, read and ordered placed on file.

Voted, That the thanks of the Trustees be extended the Yale College Library for the loan of two valuable books, known as the "Founders' books."

One special privilege card was granted.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$348.64; to trust funds, \$459.70; Fellowes Athenæum, \$15.47; Station "P," \$6.36; miscellaneous articles, \$99.61.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, March 5, 1900.

The seventieth regular meeting of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Monday, March 5, at 10.30 A.M.

On the question of invitation to the members of the Committees on Finance, Appropriations and Institutions of the city government, it was

Voted, That the Chairman be empowered to write to the several committees of the city government, asking them to visit Long Island at dates convenient to themselves.

A report of the Committee on Medical Department and Dietary, under date of February 26, was read and approved.

The Chairman stated that she had received a communication from the Superintendent of Streets, stating that he would make an effort to preserve the trees in front of the Charlestown Almshouse by including them in the sidewalk; the trees on the opposite side of the street cannot be retained.

The Superintendent of Long Island came before the Board and reported upon the condition of patients on arrival at the Long Island Hospital. The question of sending patients to the Long Island Hospital in inclement weather was referred to the Committee on Medical Department and Dietary.

The Superintendent reported the announcement of a hearing at the Lowell Court in the matter of condemnation of land at Long Island. The government intends taking a lot of land on Long Island, covering about fifteen acres, adjoining the present location. This matter was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

The Superintendent stated that Mr. Hatch, of the Electrical Construction Division, had called his attention to the fact that the electrical wiring at Long Island is in a good many ways defective. The consideration of the electrical conditions at Long Island was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

The census of inmates at Long Island on March 3, 1900, was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Totals.
In Hospital:			
Adults	68	144	212
Children	13	6	19
Women's building	-	199	199
Men's building	246	-	246
Totals	327	349	676

March 19, 1900.

The seventy-first regular meeting of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Monday, March 19, at 10.30 A.M.

The Chairman stated that there was urgent need of a matron on the steamer "J. Putnam Bradlee."

A letter from the Secretary of the Overseers of the Poor was read, stating that at a meeting of that Board, held on March 7, it was

Voted, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to endeavor to secure an amendment to the act with regard to Rutland Hospital, so that applications in Boston may be acted upon by the Pauper Institutions Trustees.

The matter was referred to the Committee on Registration and Special Cases, to confer with the Overseers of the Poor and report to the Board.

The Chairman brought up the matter of the need of extra nurses at the Long Island Hospital. An unusual amount of sickness had made it necessary to employ two extra nurses, and the Chairman had authorized the Superintendent to secure this temporary assistance.

Voted, That the action of the Chairman and Superintendent of Long Island in employing two extra nurses be approved.

A report of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds (embodied in a letter from Mr. F. W. Howard, Chief of the Architectural Division of the Engineering Department under date of March 13) was read regarding the adjustment of the contracts for the power-house at Long Island.

Voted, That all of the matters relating to the final settlement of the contracts for the power-house at Long Island be referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with power.

The Chairman reported that she and Mr. Pettingill had attended a meeting of the Committee on Appropriations of the city government on the evening of March 13, and that she had submitted a statement explaining to the committee the reasons for requesting an increase over last year's appropriation for this Department.

Voted, That Mr. Walter Hunnewell act as Secretary of the Board.

The appointment of Alice R. Harvey as probationer at the Almshouse and Hospital at Long Island, at a salary of \$10 per month, was confirmed.

The Superintendent of the Charlestown Almshouse reported that all the patients suffering from the grip were convalescent. There have been no deaths from this disease at this Institution.

The Superintendent of Long Island reported that the total acreage under cultivation at the Island this year will be about fourteen acres.

The census of inmates for Long Island on March 17 was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In Hospital:			
Adults	59	152	211
Children	10	7	17
Women's building	-	194	194
Men's building	241	-	241
Totals	310	353	663

WALTER HUNNEWELL,
Secretary.

Street Laying-Out Department.

Following is an abstract of the records of recent meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, March 26.

An award of \$1,100 was made to Edward I. McConnell for damages occasioned his estate by the laying out of Lauriat avenue.

Wednesday, March 28.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out Avon street as a public way with the name of Lawton street.

Awards were made of \$220 to J. R. Churchill for damages occasioned by the laying out of Columbia road; and of \$5,290.75 to heirs of John Gormley for damages occasioned by the relocation of South street.

Petitions were received for a sewer in Wesley avenue, and for a change in the Board of Survey lines on plan X 23, Plat 5.

Thursday, March 29.

Sewers were ordered to be built in LaGrange Pleasant, Park and Corey streets; and catch-basins in Blue Hill avenue and a culvert in Adams street were ordered to be built.

Friday, March 30.

Hearings were given in the matter of changes in the Board of Survey lines as shown on Plans O 60, 61, 62, Plat 8; and as shown on Plans Cc 6, 15, 7, Plat 10.

Saturday, March 31.

Orders were passed assessing the cost of the laying-out and of the construction of Athelwold street, and a catch-basin was ordered to be built in Neponset avenue.

A petition was received for a sewer in Tileston avenue.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

March 31, 1900.

General Order No. 682.

The Civil Service Commissioners having certified that Patrolman James E. O'Brien, of Division 6, is eligible for promotion to the rank of sergeant in the Police Department, it is, therefore, hereby ordered that the said Patrolman James E. O'Brien be, and he hereby is, promoted to the rank of sergeant in the police force of the City of Boston, and assigned for duty on Division 13, said order to take effect at roll-call, 5.45 o'clock P.M., April 2, current.

He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

April 6, 1900.

General Order No. 683.

The following assignments and transfers in the Department are hereby ordered:

I. ASSIGNMENTS.

Capt. Thomas H. Brown is relieved from duty in charge of liquor license detail and assigned to special duty in the Superintendent's office.

Sergeant George E. Saxton is relieved from duty in liquor license detail and assigned to special duty at headquarters on intelligence office service.

II. TRANSFERS.

Reserve Officer John O'Neill, liquor license detail to Division 1; Patrolman Charles W. Searles, liquor license detail to Division 3; Patrolman Hugh J. Lee, liquor license detail to Division 4; Patrolman Delbert R. Augusta, liquor license detail to Division 5; Patrolman John Lane, liquor license detail to Division 5; Patrolman William H. Murray, liquor license detail to Division 5; Reserve Officer William F. Cassidy, liquor license detail to Division 5; Patrolman Louis Tewhart, liquor license detail to Division 11; Patrolman David Coburn, liquor license detail to Division 13; Patrolman Joseph A. Delaney, liquor license detail to Division 13; Reserve Officer Bartholomew Merchant, liquor license detail to Division 14; Patrolman John J. Green, liquor license detail to Division 15; Patrolman Albert R. Foster, liquor license detail to Division 15; Patrolman William O. Dupee, Division 1 to Division 13; Patrolman Jeremiah J. Driscoll, Division 5 to Division 1; Patrolman Daniel F. Driscoll (2d), Division 5 to Division 2; Patrolman William H. Linton, Division 5 to Division 6; Patrolman John A. Wragg, Division 5 to Division 10; Patrolman William J. Aitken, Division 6 to Division 11; Patrolman Edward W. Burns, Division 11 to Division 1; Patrolman Frank N. Harrington, Division 15 to Division 16; Patrolman Carl L. Carlstein, Division 16 to Division 1; Patrolman Charles L. Howell, Division 11 to Division 4.

III. This order will take effect at roll-call, 5.45 o'clock P.M., Monday, the ninth instant.

April 10, 1900.

General Order No. 684.

Patrolman Louis Tewhart, of Division 11, having tendered his resignation, it is hereby accepted to take effect at roll-call, 5.45 o'clock, this afternoon.

April 11, 1900.

General Order No. 685.

The following retirement, transfers and promotions in the Department are hereby ordered:

I. RETIREMENT.

Lieut. George E. Haines, of Division 13, having performed faithful service in the Police Department for thirty-five years, being an honorably discharged soldier of the War of the Rebellion, and having requested to be retired from active service under the provisions of Chapter 172 of the Acts of 1898, it is, therefore, hereby

Ordered, That the said Lieutenant Haines be retired from active service in the Police Department, placed upon the pension-roll, and allowed the sum of \$800 per annum, to be paid monthly; said sum being one-half of the amount of compensation received by him at the time of his retirement.

II. TRANSFERS.

Lieut. Hiram H. Rich, from Division 9 to Division 13; Sergeant William J. Hennessy, from Division 12 to Division 4.

III. PROMOTIONS.

The Civil Service Commissioners having certified that Sergt. William F. Perry, of

Division 4, is eligible for promotion to the rank of lieutenant in the Police Department, it is, therefore, hereby

Ordered, That the said Sergeant William F. Perry be, and he hereby is, promoted to the rank of lieutenant in the police force of the City of Boston, and assigned for duty on Division 9.

He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

The Civil Service Commissioners having certified that Patrolman James P. Canney, of Division 1, is eligible for promotion to the rank of sergeant in the Police Department, it is, therefore, hereby

Ordered, That the said Patrolman James P. Canney be, and he hereby is, promoted to the rank of sergeant in the police force of the City of Boston, and assigned for duty on Division 12.

He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

IV. This order will take effect at roll-call, 5.45 o'clock P.M., Thursday, the twelfth instant.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending April 14, 1900, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	25.3
Death rate for corresponding week, 1899	20.7
Number of deaths:	
Males	139
Females	130
Total	269
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1899	215
Increase	54

Of the 269 decedents, 260 were white and 9 colored; 169 were born in the United States, 97 in foreign countries and the birthplace of 3 was unknown; 52 were of American parentage, 191 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 26 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	62	13
Scarlatina	36	6
Typhoid fever	4	1
Measles	103	2
Totals	205	22

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	28
Pneumonia	46
Whooping cough	4
Heart disease	28
Bronchitis	10
Marasmus	6
Violent causes	10

Total from principal causes	132
Total from infectious diseases	22
Total from other causes	115

Total from all causes	269
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Deaths of children under 1 year	53
Deaths of children under 5 years	88
Deaths of persons over 60 years	78
Deaths in public institutions	90

Awards of Contracts.

Metropolitan Sewerage Commission.

Proposals for building Sections 70, 71 and 75 of high level gravity sewer, West Roxbury, were opened at the office of the Metropolitan Sewerage Commission, 1 Mt. Vernon street, Boston, on April 7, 1900, as follows:

Bidders.	SECTION 70.	Bids.
Daniel E. Lynch, Boston		\$148,966
George R. Newman, Providence		140,020
Metropolitan Contracting Company, Boston		131,769
National Contracting Company, New York		125,810
Richard Falvey, Somerville		124,870
James Driscoll & Son, Brookline		121,250
Thomas F. Minton, Jamaica Plain		114,295
Jones & Meehan, Boston		110,810
Frank L. Allen, Worcester		110,240
C. E. Trumbull & Co., Boston		107,818
Beckwith & Quackenbush, Boston		106,066
H. P. Nawn, Boston		105,805
T. J. Young & Co., Boston		105,147
Jehiel Vaughn, Stamford		100,000
Bruno & Salomone, East Boston		98,595
H. A. Hanscom & Co., Boston		96,847
Charles F. Taylor, Syracuse		96,265
Charles Linehan, Cambridge		89,492

NOTE.—The work calls for 3,540 lineal feet of earth excavating and refilling, 7,100 cubic yards of masonry, 10,000 feet spruce lumber and 2,000 cubic yards rock excavation.

The contract was awarded to Charles Linehan.

SECTION 71.

George R. Newman, Providence	\$114,305 00
Frank L. Allen, Worcester	97,900 00
Bruno & Salomone, East Boston	93,786 25
National Contracting Company, New York	88,172 50
Beckwith & Quackenbush, Boston	87,206 50
H. P. Nawn, Boston	82,290 00
Jones & Meehan, Boston	75,115 00
Charles Linehan, Cambridge	71,252 50
C. F. Taylor, Syracuse	70,100 00

NOTE.—This contract requires 1,225 lineal feet of earth excavation and refilling, 840 lineal feet of rock and earth excavation and refilling, 3,900 cubic yards of masonry, 10,000 feet spruce lumber and 800 cubic yards of rock excavation.

The contract was awarded to C. F. Taylor.

SECTION 75.

George R. Newman, Providence	\$197,890
National Contracting Company, New York	127,590
Beckwith & Quackenbush, Boston	119,550
Jones & Meehan, Boston	96,790
Schailer & Schnigla Company, Chicago	79,582
C. F. Taylor, Syracuse	79,315

NOTE.—The work calls for 3,070 lineal feet of rock or earth excavation and refilling and 2,500 cubic yards of masonry work.

The contract was awarded to Schailer & Schnigla.

WILLIAM M. BROWN, JR.,
Chief Engineer and Superintendent.

Mr. John Kenison, a resident of East Boston and at one time connected with the Street Department, died on April 18, 1900.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Contractors are invited by the City Engineer of the City of Boston to submit proposals to him at his office, 50 City Hall, Boston, Mass., before 12 M. of Friday, April 27, 1900, for paying and regulating Summer-street extension, in accordance with plans and specifications to be seen at said office.

Proposals must be made on the forms to be provided, and must be accompanied by a certified check for one thousand (1,000) dollars payable to the City of Boston; this check to be the property of the city if the bidder fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above named place and time, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, MASS.:

Boston, April 16, 1900.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for two additional curves connecting its existing tracks on Boylston and Dartmouth streets, in the City of Boston, all substantially as shown on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated April 16, 1900, and filed herewith.

West End Street Railway Company,
By Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 16, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will on Monday, the seventh day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties, who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 10, 1900.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 7 North Margin street, Ward 6, two bay-windows of the following description: To project from second, third and fourth stories over North Margin street. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, ten feet wide and three feet over line of street.

DAVID ROSENZWEIG,
By C. A. HALLSTROM.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 16, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the thirtieth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto, may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Evening Record and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

STREET DEPARTMENT.

Boston, April 13, 1900.

Sealed proposals for the collection and removal of house offal from the Dorchester district (as shown on the official map on file at the office of the Superintendent of Streets), will be received at the office of the Superintendent of Streets until 12 M. of Monday, April 23, 1900, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

Bidders must reside in or adjacent to this district. The offal is to be collected and removed at least twice each week from May 1 to November 1, and once each week from November 1 to May 1, to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets. Form of contract may be seen at the central office of the Street Department.

The contract is to cover a term of two (2) years, dependent on the proper appropriations from time to time by the city government, or unless a different method of disposing of the offal is adopted, in which case a ten (10) days' notice in writing will be given the contractor.

The proposals must state the terms for collection and removal per year. It being understood that the offal is to be removed to some place without the city limits and in no case will the offal be allowed transportation across the ferries or through any streets of the city proper. The contractor must provide his own market for the sale or disposal of all offal collected.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a properly certified check for \$100, and a bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract.

The Superintendent of Streets reserves the right to reject any and all proposals should be deemed it for the interest of the city so to do.

B. T. WHEELER, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE HONORABLE THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, April 16, 1900.

The Boston Electric Light Company respectfully requests permission to erect poles for the support of its wires in the streets of Boston, as follows:

ROXBURY.

Cheney street, between Elm Hill avenue and Montana street, one pole, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk, 7 feet.

Huntington avenue, opposite Heath street, one pole, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk, 13 feet.

Longwood avenue, between St. Alphonsus street and Huntington avenue, one pole, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk, 8 feet.

St. Alphonsus street, between Longwood avenue and Conant street, one pole, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk, 8 feet.

Cabot street, between Vernon and Rockingham place, two poles, 35 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk, 7 feet.

WEST ROXBURY.

Walk Hill street, between Hyde Park avenue and Canterbury street, seventeen poles, 35 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk, 7 feet.

SOUTH BOSTON.

East Eighth street, between K street and N street, fifteen poles, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk, 8 feet.

West Seventh street, between B and C streets, one pole, 50 feet by 15 inches. Sidewalk, 8 feet.

A street, between West Fourth street and Dorchester avenue, one pole, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk, 8 feet.

D street, between West First and West Second streets, one pole, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk, 8 feet.

West First street, between C street and D street, one pole, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk, 8 feet.

L street, between East Fifth street and East Sixth street, one pole, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk, 8 feet.

East Broadway, between L and M streets, two poles, 40 feet by 14 inches. Sidewalk, 15 feet.

Granite street, between West First and West Second streets, three poles, 45 feet by 18 inches. Sidewalk, 8 feet.

West Third street, at West Second street, one pole, 45 feet by 18 inches. Sidewalk, 8 feet.

Boston Electric Light Company,

By D. A. HARRINGTON, Engineer.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 16, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the twenty-third day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Traveler, South Boston Inquirer, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 13, 1900.

The undersigned request permission to project from buildings Nos. 63 and 65 Lowell street, Ward 8, two bay-windows of the following description: To project from second, third and fourth stories over Lowell street. Dimensions: Each twenty-nine feet high, twelve feet wide, and three feet over line of street.

MAX HURVITZ.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 16, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the thirtieth day of April, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto, may appear and be heard. Said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Boston Globe and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof, to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, MASS.:

Boston, April 10, 1900.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for two additional curves on P street into the North Point Carhouse, so called, in South Boston, connecting with the company's tracks on said street; and also an additional cross-over there situated, all substantially as shown on plan of A. L. Plimpton, dated April 7, 1900, and filed herewith.

West End Street Railway Company,

By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, President.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 16, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will on Monday, the seventh day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Post, South Boston Inquirer and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

Boston, June 26, 1899.

The West End Street Railway Company, by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney, respectfully petitions for leave to construct, maintain and use double tracks on Washington street, in the Dorchester district, so called, from and connecting with the company's existing tracks on said street, near Ashmont street, to Codman street; thence on said Codman street to and connecting with the company's existing tracks on Dorchester avenue, with all necessary curves, switches, cross-overs and connections, all substantially as shown by red lines on plan of A. L. Plimpton, C.E., dated June 24, 1899, and filed herewith.

Also, that consent and permission be given said company to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said tracks herein petitioned for, and to erect, lay, maintain and use the necessary poles, wires, appliances and electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of the streets necessary for that purpose.

West End Street Railway Company,

By the Boston Elevated Railway Company, its attorney,
By WILLIAM A. BANCROFT, Vice-president.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 16, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby
Ordered, That fourteen days' notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will on Monday, the seventh day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Journal, Dorchester Beacon and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 14, 1900.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 28 St. Martin street, Ward 4, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over St. Martin street. Dimensions: Twenty-three feet high, twelve feet wide, and three feet over line of street.

JEREMIAH J. HAGGERTY,
360 Bunker Hill street.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 16, 1900.

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Passed.
A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 16, 1900.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 47 Crescent avenue, corner Raven street, Ward 20, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Raven street. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, twelve feet wide, and one and one-half feet over line of street.

MRS. MARGARET A. HENNESSEY.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 16, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby

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Passed.
A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.



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OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



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BOSTON, THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1900.

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BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY.

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

At its meeting on Monday, April 23, 1900, the Board of Aldermen voted to confirm the following appointments made by the Mayor:

Milton C. Paige, to be Superintendent of Public Buildings for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

William H. Lott, to be Commissioner of Wires for the term of three years beginning May 1, 1900.

Robert Cox, to be a member of the Board of Health for the term of three years beginning May 1, 1900.

Edwin L. Pillsbury, to be a member of the Board of Health for the term ending April 30, 1901.

Frank A. Drew and Charles E. Folsom to be Assessors, for the term of three years beginning May 1, 1900.

John S. Dammrell, to be Building Commissioner, for the term ending April 30, 1901.

Andrew J. Bailey, to be Corporation Counsel, for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

Thomas M. Babson, to be City Solicitor, for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

Alfred T. Turner, to be City Treasurer, for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

James H. Dodge, to be City Auditor, for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

Courtenay Guild, to be City Collector for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

William H. Whitmore, to be City Registrar, for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

William Jackson, to be City Engineer for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

George E. McKay, to be Superintendent of Markets, for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

William Doogue, to be Superintendent of Public Grounds, for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

A. Shnman, to be a Trustee of the City Hospital, for the term of five years beginning May 1, 1900.

James DeNormandie, to be a Trustee of the Public Library, for the term of five years beginning May 1, 1900.

B. Rodman Weld, to be a Statistics Trustee, for the term of five years beginning May 1, 1900.

Lina Frank Hecht (Mrs. Jacob H. Hecht), to be a Bath Trustee, for the term of five years beginning May 1, 1900.

William J. Fallon, to be a Cemetery Trustee, for the term of five years beginning May 1, 1900.

J. Homer Pierce and James H. Conley, to be Overseers of the Poor, for the term of three years beginning May 1, 1900.

Frauk G. Webster, to be a Commissioner of Sinking-funds, for the term of three years beginning May 1, 1900.

Ansou Stern, to be a Constable, for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

John J. Cadigan, to be Chief Weigher and Inspector of Vessels and Ballast, for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

James Collins and Edward Hughes, to be Assistant Weighers and Inspectors of Vessels and Ballast, for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

William Cotter, to be Field Driver and Pound Keeper, for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

Herbert C. Davis, to be Superintendent of the North Hay Scales, Timothy F. Dunn, to be Superintendent of the South Hay Scales, and William J. Mathers, to be Superintendent of the East Boston Hay Scales—all for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

Joel W. Bent, Frederiek L. Dodge and Charles Warren Hapgood, to be Weighers of Beef, for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

Frank L. Bowker, to be a Surveyor of Marble, Freestone and Soapstone, for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

Joseph B. Sias and Edward R. McLarin, to be Fence Viewers, for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

James H. Cleaves, Robert F. Means and William Park, to be Inspectors of Petroleum and its products, for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

Sewall B. Farnsworth, Edward R. Maxwell and John J. Powers, to be Measurers of Upper Leather, for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

Patriek J. McCarthy, to be an Inspector of Lime, for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

Morton Alden and others (as contained in THE CITY RECORD, No. 16, page 249) to be Weighers of Coal, for the term of one year, beginning May 1, 1900.

Morton Alden and others (as contained in THE CITY RECORD, No. 16, page 249) to be Measurers of Wood and Bark, for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

Ebenezer Barrett and others (as contained in THE CITY RECORD, No. 16, page 250) to be Measurers of Grain, for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

Morton Alden and others (as contained in THE CITY RECORD, No. 16, page 250) to be Inspectors of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw, for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

Nelson C. Clement and others (as contained in THE CITY RECORD, No. 16, page 250) to be Weighers of Boilers and Heavy Machinery, for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

Richard F. Andrews, George W. Bean, Nathaniel Leonard, Edwin R. Smyth, Lemuel B. Burrill, John B. F. Emery, William Adams and others (as contained in THE CITY RECORD, No. 15, page 230), excepting George H. Hamlin, William A. Mason, Robert McLeish and Morris F. Lewenberg, not connected with official positions, to be Constables for the term of one year beginning on May 1, 1900.

MUNICIPAL AND OTHER PENSION SCHEMES.

The following statement of facts, compiled by the Secretary of the Statistics Department, of Boston, was presented to the Committee on Cities of the Massachusetts Legislature, on February 8, 1900, at the hearing given by that committee on House Bill No. 18, viz.: "That Cities may have Death Benefit and Retirement Funds for Employees." The statement was prepared as a supplement to the article entitled "City Retirement Funds" contained in No. 11,

Volume II. of THE CITY RECORD. (See page 185, Volume II.)

The statement includes: (I.) the official statement of the pension scheme adopted by the President and Fellows of Harvard University in September 1899; (II.) the official statement of the pension scheme put into operation by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company January 1, 1900; (III.) a condensed statement of the pension scheme in force in 1898 in the German City of Cologne; (IV.) a description of the scale of salaries and pensions paid by the City of Copenhagen to its active and retired officials and employees respectively, as reported by the officials of that city in 1898; and (V.) a study, based on official documents, of the scheme in force in 1898, in the City of Vienna for the compensation of officials and employees, both active and retired, (a) in the Municipal Civil Service, and (b) in the Public School Service.

I. RETIRING ALLOWANCES AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

The following rules concerning retiring allowances for University officers, adopted by the President and Fellows on March 27, 1899, went into effect September 1, 1899:

1. Any person in the service of the University and sixty years of age who has held an office of the grade of an assistant professorship, or of a higher grade, for twenty years, shall be entitled to a retiring allowance of 20-60 of his last annual salary in activity, and to an additional allowance of 1-60 of his last annual salary for each year of service in addition to twenty; but no retiring allowance shall exceed 40-60 of the last annual salary in full activity. In counting years of additional service, years of continuous service as member of a Faculty with the title of tutor, instructor, or lecturer, or as assistant in a scientific establishment on an appointment not annual, may be added, at the discretion of the President and Fellows, to the years of service as assistant professor or in a higher grade.

2. No person under sixty years of age shall be entitled to a retiring allowance; but the President and Fellows may, at their discretion, pay to any person, who, while in the service of the University, has become incapable of discharging his duties by reason of permanent infirmity of mind or body, or has resigned, before the age of sixty, an allowance not exceeding that which he would be entitled to receive under Rule 1, if he had reached the age of sixty.

3. No person who has been in the service of the University less than twenty years as assistant professor, or at a higher grade, shall be entitled to a retiring allowance; but in computing the retiring allowance of a person who entered the service of the University,

as a professor or at an equal grade, at an unusually advanced age, the President and Fellows may at their discretion add a number of years, not exceeding ten, to his actual years of service; and such a person may be granted a retiring allowance as soon as his total service, including the constructive addition, reaches twenty years.

4. Any professor or officer of like grade entitled to a retiring allowance, who, with the consent of the President and Fellows, shall give up a part of his work and the corresponding part of his salary, shall have a right, upon this partial retirement, to a retiring allowance computed under Rule 1, upon that part of his full salary which he relinquishes; and upon his complete retirement his allowance shall be computed on his last full annual salary, and his years of partial retirement shall count as years of service.

5. The President and Fellows may, in the exercise of their discretion, retire wholly or in part any professor or officer of like grade, who has reached the age of sixty-six, upon the retiring allowance to which he is entitled.

6. In the preceding sections, years of leave of absence are to be counted as years of active service; officers of long tenure whose salaries may be classed with those of professors or assistant professors, such as administrative officers, librarians, assistant librarians, curators, and assistants in the scientific establishments, are covered by the phrases "at an equal grade" or "of like grade"; and the "last annual salary in full activity" means the last regular salary as professor, excluding annual grants and extra payments.

7. The President and Fellows retain power to alter these rules without, however, abridging the rights which individuals in the service of the University shall have acquired under them.

8. The obligation of the President and Fellows to pay retiring allowances will be neither greater nor less than their obligation to pay salaries; so that, if misfortune shall compel a percentage reduction of salaries, retiring allowances will be reduced in the same proportion.

II. PENSION SCHEME OF THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY.

The following notice was issued by the President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, December 18, 1899, by order of the Board of Directors:

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company, the Northern Central Railway Company, the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company, the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad Company, and the Philadelphia and Camden Ferry Company, having each adopted a similar plan of pension allowances, and also a similar policy of age limitation, to take effect on and after January 1, 1900, and having entered into an agreement for the joint administration of their respective pension departments, under the title of "The Pennsylvania Railroad Pension Department," this circular is issued to advise the officers and employees of the general terms of said plan and policy.

Pension Department—(1.) All officers and employees of the company, who are required by the organization to give their entire time to the service of the company, who shall have attained the age of seventy years; or who, being between the ages of sixty-five and sixty-nine years, inclusive, shall have been thirty or more years in the service of the company, and shall then be physically disqualified, shall be relieved and placed on the pension-roll.

(2.) Subject to ratable reduction, so that the entire annual expenditure for pension allowances by the five companies above named shall not at any time exceed the aggregate sum of \$300,000, pensions shall be allowed upon the following basis:

(3.) For each year of service one per centum of the average regular monthly pay for the ten years preceding retirement. Thus, by way of illustration: If an employee has been in the service of the company for forty years and has received on an average for the last ten years \$40 per month in regular wages, his pension allowance would be 40 per cent. of \$40, or \$16 per month.

(4.) Pension allowances shall be paid monthly, and shall terminate on the death of the beneficiary.

(5.) No pension allowance shall be paid to any officer or employee for a period during which he may be receiving accident or sick benefits from the Relief Department.

(6.) The acceptance of a pension allowance shall not debar the beneficiary from engaging in other business, but such person cannot re-enter the service.

(7.) The Pension Department shall, under the supervision of the President, be in charge of a Board of Officers, consisting, until otherwise ordered, of the Vice-presidents, the General Manager, and the Assistant Comptroller of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The Board of Officers shall be appointed annually by the Boards of Directors of the several companies, and shall, subject to the approval of the said Boards, make and enforce regulations for the government of the Department.

(8.) No action which shall now or hereafter be taken in connection with the origin or furtherance of a Pension Department or plan shall be held or construed to give any officer, agent, or employee a right to be retained in the service or become entitled to pension allowances; but, on the contrary, each company may discharge any officer, agent or employee at any time, when in its judgment the interests of the company so require, without liability for pension or for other allowances save only salary or wages then earned and unpaid.

Age Limit—No person shall be taken into the service of the company who is over thirty-five years of age; except that, with the approval of the Board of Directors:

(1.) Former employees may be re-employed within a period of three years from the time of their leaving the service.

(2.) Persons may, irrespective of age limit, be employed where the service for which they are needed requires professional or other special qualifications; but

(3.) Persons may be temporarily taken into the service, irrespective of age limit, for a period not exceeding six months, subject to extension, when necessary to complete the work for which engaged.

III. COLOGNE.

Cologne had a population of 321,564 in 1895. The right to a pension arises after ten years of service, in case of permanent incapacity to fulfil official duties, or at completion of sixty-fifth year.

Pensions are granted for life, and at first amount to 15-60 of last salary. A sum equal to 1-60 of last salary is added to 15-60 for every year of service above 10 up to 45-60.

A widow's pension amounts to 40 per cent. of her deceased husband's pension; half orphans receive a pension equal to 1-5 of a widow's pension, i. e., $1-5 \times 4-10 = 4-50$ of deceased father's pension. Whole orphans receive $\frac{1}{2}$ of a widow's pension, i. e., $\frac{1}{2} \times 4-10$ of deceased father's pension equals 4-30. A widow's pension terminates with her death or re-marriage.

The pension regulations include all city officials (Beamten) i. e., those connected with the departments of Magistracy, Police, Markets, Harbor, Fire, Street-cleaning, Museums, Archives and Libraries, Poor, Care of Orphans, Hospitals, Buildings, Gas, Electrical and Water Works, Public Grounds, Cemeteries and Baths, Slaughter-house and Cattle Market, City Savings Bank and Pawn Office. Teachers are not included in this scheme. In 1898 the number of officials was 607.

On April 1, 1897, there were thirty-six pensioned officials and forty-two pensioned widows of deceased officials. The city has no special pension fund and does not charge up separately the cost of administering pensions. Prospective pensioners make no contributions toward a pension fund.

In the fiscal year ending March 31, 1898, 59,548 marks were paid in pensions and aids to officials, and 5,883 marks to widows and orphans, making a total of 65,431 marks, or \$16,358 more or less.

IV. COPENHAGEN.

In Copenhagen, whose population in 1895 numbered 333,835, officials and employees entitled to pensions are divided into three groups, viz.:

Group 1—"Municipal officers properly so-called" belonging to Pay-classes I.—V., to wit:

I. With salary beginning at 5,500 crowns*, increased every fourth year by 500 crowns — maximum 7,000 crowns.

II. With salary beginning at 4,000 crowns, increased every fourth year by 500 crowns — maximum 5,500 crowns.

III. With salary beginning at 3,600 crowns, increased every fourth year by 400 crowns — maximum 4,800 crowns.

IV. With salary beginning at 2,800 crowns, increased every fourth year by 300 crowns — maximum 4,000 crowns.

V. With salary beginning at 2,200 crowns, increased every third year by 200 crowns — maximum 3,400 crowns.

Also superior officers of the school and police departments. All in Group I. "are entitled to pensions from the day of appointment."

Group 2—Comprises officers in Pay-classes VI.—VII., to wit:

VI. With salary beginning with 1,800 crowns, increased every third year by 300 crowns — maximum 3,000 crowns.

VII. With salary beginning with 1,600

crowns, increased every third year by 200 crowns — maximum 2,400 crowns.

Also "some few functionaries under the police and the regularly appointed male and female teachers of the public schools." Persons in Group 2 become entitled to pensions "after having completed fifteen years of service to the community in one or more of the Pay-classes in question."

Group 3—"The third group comprises everybody who has served the community for at least twenty-five years, and who is not entitled to pension according to other provisions." Contributions of pay are not made by prospective pensioners.

The amount of the pension, for members of Groups 1, 2 and 3, is determined in accordance with the following scale:

For service of 0-7 years, pensioner receives 1-3 of pay; for 7-10 years' service; 4-10 of pay; for 10-20 years' service, 1-2 of pay; for 20-21 years' service, 31-60 of pay; for 21-22 years' service, 32-60 of pay, and so on, 1-60 of pay extra for every additional year of service up to twenty-nine years, in which case the pension equals 39-60 of pay. For service exceeding twenty-nine years 40-60 of pay are paid as a pension. All pensions and sums in aid are paid from the city treasury. A widow's pension amounts to 1-8 of the pay of husband at the time of his death, provided he were entitled to a pension. Moreover, each officer in Groups 1 and 2 is required to insure "to his widow an annual income during her life," i. e., an annuity or an approved life insurance policy. If a policy, it must be at least twenty times the amount of the required annuity.

The scale of annuities for widows is as follows:

For widows of officials with salary under 1,600 crowns, 200 crowns yearly; for salary of 1,600-2,600 crowns, 300 crowns yearly; for salary of 2,600-4,000 crowns 400 crowns yearly; for salary of 4,000-5,000 crowns, 500 crowns; for salary of 5,000 crowns or over, 800 crowns. Aids, i. e., gratuities, "are granted with the consent of the entire magistracy and municipal council to persons leaving the service (or to their widows) who have not served for fifteen or twenty-five years if good reason can be given for such—each case being considered on its merits."

BUDGET FOR 1899.

Pensioners.	Number.	Amount—Crowns.	
Group 2 . . .	12	29,569 89	
Group 2 . . .	98	118,595 79	
Group 3 . . .	157	104,547 15	
Total . . .	267		252,712 83
Widows.			
Group 1 . . .	33	15,092 04	
Group 2 . . .	48	14,965 90	
Group 3 . . .	89	13,554 02	
Total . . .	170		43,611 96
Aids.			
Employees . .	45	22,673 50	
Widows and children . .	84	12,600 00	
Total . . .	129		35,273 50
Grand total, .	566		331,598 29

V. VIENNA.

Vienna, according to the census of 1890 had a population of 1,341,897 in that year. Its estimated population at the end of 1895 was 1,488,463.

The "Regulations concerning the Compensation of City Officials," which were adopted by the City Council, July 19, 1898, provide for eight (VIII.) rank-classes of officials with salaries ranging from 800 florins* to 6,000 florins, as follows:

Rank-Class.	Annual salary (Florins).	Allowance for Quarters (Florins).
VIII.	800 } 900 }	. . . 300
VII.	1,000 } 1,100 } 1,200 }	. . . 400
VI.	1,300 } 1,400 } 1,500 }	. . . 400
V.	1,600 } 1,700 } 1,800 }	. . . 500
IV.	2,000 } 2,200 } 2,400 }	. . . 600
III.	2,800 } 3,200 } 3,600 }	. . . 700
II.	4,000 } 4,500 }	. . . 800
I.	5,000 } 6,000 }	. . . 1,000

Promotion from grade to grade in the several rank-classes, with fixed increase of salary, takes place normally at the completion of three years' service in a given grade in Classes VIII. and VII.; and after four years' service in a grade in Classes VI.—I., inclusive.

"Candidates" and "Probationers" are not enrolled in a "rank-class," but are designated as "officials." Candidates receive "pay" amounting yearly to 500 or 600 florins, while "probationers" are paid from 500 to 800 florins. A candidate must serve satisfactorily for six months before he can be sworn in as a probationer. Probationers, according to their previous education, serve from six months (in case of a university graduate) to two years before becoming eligible to enrollment in the lowest grade of a rank-class. The lowest rank of officials (Diurnisten) are clerks, etc., paid by the day.

Pensions are paid out of the city treasury, not out of a special pension fund. An official or employee may be retired on a pension after serving ten full years; or if incapacitated for service owing to injury etc., incurred in the performance of his duty, he may be retired on a pension as if he had completed ten years of service.

The pay of a pensioner equals 40 per cent. of the salary he received in the last year of active service, increased by 2 per cent. of the same for every year of service above ten years ($2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in the case of certain specially trained persons), but the pay of a pensioner may not be so increased as to exceed the salary received by him in his last year of active service.

The widows of pensioned officials or of officials eligible to be pensioned in due course, are entitled to receive pensions, barring certain contingencies, e. g., marriage with a pensioner, or with an official over sixty years old, etc.

Widows' pensions, tenable for life or during widowhood, range from 400 to 1,000 florins yearly, according to the rank and salary of a deceased husband. Widows of employees draw a pension equal to 50 per cent. of the pay of the husband at the time of his death.

* A crown equals \$0.268.

* A florin equals \$0.406.

The city makes "contributions for the education" of surviving children of an official dying in either the active or retired service. So long as the mother is alive the "contribution" for each surviving child amounts to 50 florins yearly, if the father's salary amounted to 1,000 florins or less, and is five per cent. of such salary if it exceeded 1,000 florins. Should the mother die the "contribution" for each child is twice the amount just specified; but the total amount of widow's pension and aids towards the education of surviving children in one family may not exceed 75 per cent. of the deceased official's last salary.

The widows of officials or employees who by reason of short service or for certain other reasons cannot claim a pension receive a lump sum equal to the annual salary of the deceased at the time of his death.

If an official or employee die in active service his widow (or his children, if he leave no widow) is entitled to "a contribution towards defraying the expenses of his illness and burial" equal to 25 per cent. of the last salary of the deceased, provided such contribution does not exceed 600 florins.

Teachers in the public schools are divided into eight "pay-classes," with salaries ranging from 600 to 1,500 florins. Commutation for residence and pensions, as well as salaries, are less in amount than in the case of officials and employees enrolled in the Permanent Civil Service. The city also grants pensions to the widows of teachers and "aids" to their orphans or half-orphans.

In 1896, in the Vienna Civil Service (active list) there were 1,808 enrolled officials whose pay amounted to 2,612,778 florins; 588 enrolled employees with pay amounting to 465,123 florins; and 2,364 employees (including day laborers) with pay amounting to 1,340,826 florins, or a total of 4,760 persons whose aggregate pay amounted to 4,418,727.

The amount disbursed for pensions, grants in aid, etc., amounted to 600,442 florins made up as follows:

(1.) Paid to 233 pensioners on the retired list (165 officials, 68 employees) 304,645 florins; (2) pensions of 403 widows 147,223 florins; (3) contributions for the education of 216 orphans 12,998 florins; (4) gratuities amounting to 45,448 florins granted to 325 officials, employees (and the survivors of such persons) who were not entitled to pensions; (5) gratuities to the amount of 13,698 florins distributed among 675 officials on the active or retired list of the classified civil service, and 3,590 florins distributed among 122 widows and orphans of such persons; (6) advances, i. e., loans on account of salary, amounting to 55,969 florins made to 129 active officials, and 16,871 florins loaned to 102 active employees.

Following is a summary of the payments included in the foregoing paragraph:

(1.) Pensions, 304,645 florins to 233 retired officers and employees.

(2-3.) Pensions, etc., 160,221 florins to 852 widows and orphans.

(4.) Gratuities, 45,448 florins to 325 persons in lieu of pensions.

(5.) Gratuities, 17,288 florins to 797 persons, including widows and orphans.

(6.) Loans, 72,840 florins to 231 officials and employees.

Totals, 600,442 florins to 2,438 persons.

Deducting loans repaid, 66,409 florins, and names taken twice, 1,028, leaves a net total of 534,033 florins and 1,410 persons.

The aggregate amount paid by the City of Vienna in 1896 to 6,170 persons connected directly or indirectly with its civil service was 5,019,169 florins, for salaries, allowances, pensions, gratuities, etc. - Of the 6,170 noted above, 1,410 or 22.85 per cent. were in receipt of pensions, gratuities, etc. The amount of pensions, gratuities, etc., 600,442 florins, was equal to 11.98 per cent. of aggregate amount paid for salaries, pensions, gratuities, etc.

In 1896 there were 4,695 teachers (males 2,687, females 2,008) in the public schools of Vienna. Their salaries, including 772,545 florins for commutation for quarters, amounted to 5,126,972 florins. To defray the pensions of teachers, so far as they are not paid by the State, there is a Vienna Teachers' Pension Fund maintained out of ratable deductions of pay, viz., 10 per cent. of first year's pay, 10 per cent. of every increase of pay taken once, and 2 per cent. of annual salary, and by indeterminate contributions by the municipality. The total income of the fund in 1896 was 75,600 florins against an expenditure of 147,955 florins, leaving a deficit of 72,355 florins, which appears to have been met out of the city treasury.

In 1896 the sum of 146,966 florins was paid out of the Teachers' Pension Fund to 353 persons, as follows: 77,268 florins to 87 pensioners; 58,071 florins to 150 widows; 2,007 florins to 9 special pensioners; 6,720 florins contributions for education of 99 orphans; and 2,900 florins in "death-quarter's pay" for eight persons.

In 1896 the city paid 74,151 florins as follows: 15,107 florins in pensions and gratuities to 80 persons, i. e., teachers, and the widows and orphans of teachers; 11,258 florins as grants in aid as gratuities to 314 persons (266 teachers and 48 teachers' widows); and 40,822 florins in loans to 193 teachers; miscellaneous, 6,964 florins.

Summarily stated, the returns show that 353 persons were paid 146,966 florins from the Teachers' Pension Fund, and 587 persons were paid pensions and grants in aid by the city, making a total of 221,117 florins paid to or for 940 persons. As 314 names appear to have been taken twice, the real number of beneficiaries may be set at 626. The full amount paid out of the city treasury towards defraying the cost of pensions, grants in aid, etc., is not precisely stated in the published returns; however, it may be estimated at upwards of 100,000 florins.

In 1896 there were 9,455 persons on the pay-rolls of the Vienna civil and public school services taken together, with salaries aggregating 9,500,000 florins in round numbers; and upwards of 800,000 florins were paid in pensions, grants in aid, etc., to about 1,800 persons not in active service - the cost of pensions, etc., being between 8 and 9 per cent. of the cost of salaries.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, April 30, 1900, at 3 P.M.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BATH DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the Bath Department for the year 1899, constituting Document 5—1900, has recently been submitted to Mayor Hart. The following abstract of the report is made:

The object which the Commissioners of Public Baths have kept before themselves, since the creation of the Department two years ago, has been to meet the needs of the greatest possible number of people for bathing facilities. The effect of the work of the Department primarily in connection with the public baths, and also more recently in connection with that of the public gymnasiums, is already bringing the Department into a sphere of educational and moral influence similar to that of the older departments of the city government which have to do distinctly with the physical and moral welfare of the people.

It is the belief of the Commission that the widespread increase of bodily cleanliness and sound physical training which is resulting from the work of the Department will, in due time, noticeably advance the general average of public health and public order, and in these ways tend to reduce the cost of maintenance in those departments of the city dealing directly with disease, pauperism and crime. From several neighborhoods in which important centres of the Department are located, significant testimony in this direction has already come.

The work of supplying public bathing facilities in Boston began thirty-four years ago with the provision of several floating bath-houses and the L-street bathing beach. The Department now has under its charge thirteen floating baths in many parts of the city. It has also six beach baths for salt-water bathing and two river beaches. The special new work of the Department during the year has been in connection with the two swimming-pools, one at Orchard Park and one on Cabot street; the Dover-street bath-house; the gymnasiums in East Boston and South Boston, and the underground public convenience station on Boston Common. Two gymnasiums, one in Ward 9 and the other in Ward 19, are fully equipped and ready for use as soon as appropriations can be voted for their maintenance expenses. On Ninth street, in Ward 15, a foundation has been laid for a gymnasium and bath. A small sum of money still remains for the continuance of this work, but a further appropriation is essential before it will be possible for the Department to proceed with the erection of this building which is so much needed in that rapidly growing section of the city. The idea of the Commission is to provide in this building an all-the-year-round swimming-pool like the one which has been such a success in Brookline.

BATHS.

The limited amount of the Department's appropriation made it necessary to shorten the season for floating baths. The new houses, designed and constructed under the direction of the Department, have proved thoroughly satisfactory. The most obvious of all the needs of the Department at present is for a number of new floating baths upon this model to take the place of those which

are now so old as to be altogether unsuitable for use.

In connection with the beach bath, also, the Department was somewhat hampered by its limited appropriation, but the great popularity and usefulness of the beaches during the heated season was abundantly demonstrated. The good order maintained at these beaches, even on the most crowded days, is a source of marked satisfaction. Great care has been taken by the Commission to provide against the chance of accident, and since it has had charge of the beaches, among hundreds of thousands of bathers, no life has been lost. In 1898 an experiment was tried of providing bathing suits, without charge, at the North End Park Beach. It was felt that a large proportion of the people in that district would be shut off from the opportunities of the beach if even a small charge was made. During the past summer it was impossible for the Department to continue this system, and a charge of five cents was made for each bathing suit. To be sure there was not so much hot weather in 1899 as in 1898, but the fact that the number of bathers fell off 50 per cent. seriously raises the question whether it is not better policy for the city to undertake the slightly increased expense of supplying bathing suits, rather than have so many people fail of the sanitary and recreative value which the beach affords.

It is a serious limitation of the usefulness of L-street beach that at present swimming is possible only six hours a day, while the tide is in. The Commission would strongly recommend that an appropriation be made for excavating the beach, so as to make swimming possible at all hours of the day.

The two swimming pools are located on either side of Roxbury, the only district in the city which does not have some sort of water front. One is in the Cabot-street bath-house, which was originally erected for this purpose, but was for many years out of use.

It is the hope of the Commission that in due time a gymnasium may be erected on this site, and that the swimming-pool may be available for use throughout the entire year. The other swimming-pool is on the edge of Orchard Park, a small open space on the eastern side of the Roxbury district.

The fact that during its first calendar year of service the Dover-street bath-house has provided baths for 300,000 people seems to the Commission to set at rest the question of the value of such a public institution. About 30 per cent. of the bathers are women and girls, which is a somewhat higher percentage of female bathers than is reported from the municipal baths in foreign cities.

GYMNASIUMS AND CONVENIENCE STATIONS.

The gymnasium on Paris street, in East Boston, which was presented to the city three years ago by a lady interested in the public welfare, has continued and increased its remarkable usefulness. The building which was originally erected for a skating rink is by this time, in many respects, dilapidated. The Board would strongly urge the necessity of a new gymnasium building in East Boston.

The example of the donor of the East Boston gymnasium is one that might well be followed by other public-spirited citizens, and it is a pleasure to the Board to note that an

informal offer has been made to the city for the use of a well-equipped gymnasium in Ward 7 for a period of ten years.

The South Boston Gymnasium, the first to be built by the city, though opened only a few months ago, has already attained a degree of success equal to that of the East Boston Gymnasium. These gymnasiums are fitted with an ample supply of gymnastic apparatus, lockers and shower-baths. There are large classes for both sexes at each gymnasium.

There is no room for doubt that in all the congested districts of the city public gymnasiums open all the year round would be as successful and valuable as are the two already in operation.

The Department has charge of twelve convenience stations in various parts of the city, in addition to those on the Common and Public Garden. The Commission is strongly of the opinion that most of those scattered throughout the city ought to be replaced with a much better type of structure. The underground station on the Common has already sufficiently justified the Department in constructing it. The general public use which has been made of it, the average daily attendance being 6,000, indicates that it might be well to construct two or three similar stations in down-town squares.

LAUNDRIES.

There are two laundries under the charge of the Bath Commission, the principal one at the Dover-street bath-house, a smaller one at the North End Park. The Dover-street laundry in addition to washing towels and bathing suits for this Department has done the work of laundering towels used in offices of some of the city departments. As the capacity of the laundry is by no means exhausted, the Board is very desirous of having more work of this kind. Much, if not all, of which is now given to private parties, might be done in the laundry which the city owns and maintains.

GENERAL.

Statistics are given relative to the attendance at the public baths during the season of 1899. The number of bathers at beaches, floating baths, etc., was 1,503,471; at all-the-year-round baths, 500,247, making a total attendance of 2,003,718.

The expenditures of the Department for the year amounted to \$83,473 85.

The pamphlet entitled "Free Municipal Baths in Boston," edited by Mr. William I. Cole, reference to which has previously been made in these pages, is printed as a part of the report of the Department.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COLLECTING DEPARTMENT.

The annual report of the Collecting Department for the year ending January 31, 1900, has recently been issued. The report, which is printed as Document 12—1900, contains a summary of the collections made by the Department during the year and a statement of the leases, notes, bonds, mortgages and deeds of property in custody of the Collector, belonging to the city on January 31, 1900.

The total receipts of the City of Boston amounted to \$22,931,791.88 and of the County of Suffolk, \$293,760.04.

The assessment of taxes to defray the expenses of the City of Boston and County of Suffolk for the year ending January 31, 1900, less the revenue to be received from other sources, also to pay the State tax levied on the City of Boston, 1899, was:

Tax assessments, 1899, including supplementary bills	\$14,444,368 76
Bank tax, 1899	166,287 00
Total assessments	\$14,610,655 76

The collections on the above to January 31, 1900, amounted to \$12,487,832.98. The balance is made up of abatements amounting to \$94,590.55 and outstanding collections amounting to \$2,028,232.23.

The total amount of outstanding taxes, the bulk of which are uncollectible owing to death, poverty, insolvency, emigration and other causes, dating from the establishment of the city in 1822 to January 31, 1900, was \$3,425,288.42.

The total amount received from licenses of all kinds from February 1, 1898, to January 31, 1899, was \$1,528,072.90, of which \$1,482,000 was for liquor licenses.

CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION.

Boston, April 20, 1900.

A meeting of the Cambridge Bridge Commission was held on Friday, April 20, 1900, at the Mayor's office, City Hall, Boston, at 4.30 P.M.

Present: Commissioners Hart and Champ-
lin.

On motion the records of the last three meetings were approved.

On motion of Commissioner Champlin, it was voted that the bills and pay-rolls, presented by the Chief Engineer of the Commission for payment by the cities of Boston and Cambridge, and amounting to \$1,964.32, be certified for payment by the respective cities of Boston and Cambridge, one-half of said amount to be paid by each city.

Adjourned, on motion of Commissioner Champlin, to meet when called together by the Chairman.

EDGAR R. CHAMPLIN, Secretary.

PORT OF BOSTON.

The following summary shows the value of imports and exports, together with the entrance and clearance of foreign vessels, and the number of passengers arrived at the Port of Boston during the month of March, 1900, as compared with the corresponding month in 1899:

	Imports.		Exports.	
March, 1900	\$8,609,927		\$9,084,557	
March, 1899	5,389,828		11,566,137	
	Entered.		Cleared.	
Vessels.	No.	Tonnage.	No.	Tonnage.
March, 1900	101	160,860	88	123,294
March, 1899	112	173,480	91	151,759
Passengers arrived, March, 1900			412	
Passengers arrived, March, 1899			919	

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., Monday, April 23, 1900, Chairman O'Brien presiding and all the members present.

The following messages from the Mayor were received:

Sale of Unused Street Lamps.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 23 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: Enclosed herewith is a communication from the Superintendent of Lamps requesting authority to dispose of the old street lamps, for which, under the present arrangement for street lighting, his Department has no use. The passage of the accompanying order is recommended.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

LAMP DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, April 13, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: This Department has on hand about 4,000 old lanterns which cannot be used to advantage by the Department, and I would respectfully recommend that the Superintendent, with your permission, be authorized to dispose of the same.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM D. LANG,

Superintendent of Lamps.

Ordered; That the Superintendent of Lamps, with the approval of the Mayor, be, and hereby is, authorized to sell the old street lamps in the charge of his Department.

Referred to the Committee on Lamps.

Notice of Appointments.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 20 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: You are hereby notified, in order that it may appear on your records, that I have this day made the following appointments:

(1.) Melancthon W. Burlen, to be a member of the Board of Election Commissioners for the term ending 30 April, 1903, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Linus E. Pearson.*

(2.) John J. Hogan, to be a member of the Board of Election Commissioners for the term of four years, beginning with 1 May, 1900.

(3.) George P. Sanger, to serve as Chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners for the term ending 30 April, 1900, in the place of Linus E. Pearson, deceased, and for the year ending 30 April, 1901.

(4.) C. James Connelly, to be an Insane Hospital Trustee for the term of five years, beginning with 1 May, 1900.

(5.) William P. Fowler, to be Institutions Registrar for the term of one year, beginning with 1 May, 1900.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

Placed on file.

* Died 28 February, 1900.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved April 20, 1900:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be authorized to repay to the Lexington Club the sum of \$300, being the amount paid by them for a special club license which was granted but not issued by the Board of Police.

Whereas, On the nineteenth day of April, 1899, the Massachusetts Society Sons of the Revolution, presented to the City of Boston a bronze tablet commemorative of the services of William Dawes, and placed it on his tomb in the King's Chapel burial-ground; and Whereas, Official acceptance of same has not been made by the City of Boston; therefore

Resolved, That the thanks of the City of Boston be extended to the Massachusetts Society Sons of the Revolution, for their gift, and

Ordered, That the said tablet be accepted by the city.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Grounds be authorized to hire for playground purposes, the same as in former seasons, the lot of land known as Nightingale Field, on Morton street, Dorchester; the expense of the same, not exceeding \$150, to be charged to the appropriation for Public Grounds Department.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved April 16, 1900:

Ordered, That permission be granted to the Fire Commissioner to place and maintain poles for the support of wires at points designated by red dots on a plan deposited in the office of the Superintendent of Streets, made by the Fire Department; said poles to be located as follows:

Richfield street, one pole; height and diameter of poles not to exceed thirty-five feet by ten feet; width of sidewalk seven feet; date of plan, March 10, 1900.

The Superintendent of Streets is hereby authorized to issue permits for opening and occupying streets for placing and maintaining said poles on the conditions specified in Chapter 38, Section 15, of the Revised Ordinances of 1898.

The work of locating said poles to be completed within ninety days from the date of the passage of this order.

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, to allow the attachment of, and to the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company to attach, a ten-wire cable of said cable company to eleven poles on said telephone company on North Harvard street.

Ordered, That permission be granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts, to transfer to the Boston Electric Light Company the locations and poles of said telegraph company in Harrison avenue between Dover street and Massachusetts avenue, and in Massachusetts avenue between Harrison avenue and Boston street.

The following were approved April 20, 1900:

Orders directing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks along the following-named streets; said sidewalks to be from three to ten inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from five to twelve feet in width, and to be built as hereinafter specified, the owner to furnish said material viz.:

George Robotham, 111 Ocean street, Ward 24, of artificial stone.

Nathaniel W. Garland, 663-665 Washington street, Ward 24, of artificial stone.

Alice E. Jackson, 335 Centre street and on Gay Head street, Ward 22, of artificial stone.

Rhodes Brothers, 168-174 Massachusetts avenue, Ward 10, of artificial stone.

Jacob J. Arakelyan, 65 Welles avenue, Ward 24, of artificial stone.

F. W. Carter, 107 Ocean street, Ward 24, of artificial stone.

Albert L. Jewell, Commonwealth avenue, corner of Babcock street, Ward 25, of artificial stone.

Mary J. Harris, 1 Maple street, corner Centre street, Ward 23, of artificial stone.

B. E. Gilmore, 526-528 East Third street, Ward 14, of brick.

A. E. Kempel, 8 Elmwood street, Ward 19, of brick.

D. Rubinovz, 369-373 Heath street, Ward 19, of brick.

C. J. Johnston, 38-46 Munroe street, Ward 21, of gravel.

Mrs. Theresa Kraft, 22 West Walnut park, Ward 22, of brick.

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

Joseph Nelson, two public telephone signs, one each over Harrison avenue and Kneeland street, from building 102 Harrison avenue, Ward 9.

W. W. Winship, dummy trunk, 71 Summer street, Ward 7.

Frank Mark, barber pole, 83 Everett street, Ward 2.

Herman M. Kaminsky, iron bar on which to hang rope, etc., 51-53 Atlantic avenue, Ward 6.

Frank Goggio, umbrella sign, 223 Hanover street, Ward 6.

John Donnarum, two barber poles, 193 North street, Ward 6.

Harry Rosen, pole on which to hang clothing, 19 Cross street, Ward 6.

Faucey Brothers, illuminated sign, 42 Brattle street, Ward 6.

Jaynes & Co., illuminated sign, 50 Washington street, Ward 6.

Gaitano Bruno, two barber poles, 1448 Columbus avenue, Ward 22.

Simon Polimer, three pawnbroker's signs, 2012 Washington street, Ward 17.

Charles Parker, two barber poles, 832 Tremont street.

Bilafsky & Lord, sign, 384 Boylston street, Ward 11.

Mrs. Fanny Davis, six iron hooks, 44 Prince street, Ward 6.

Alexander Romm, clock sign, 92 Staniford street, Ward 8.

William R. Sheridan, sign, 37 Harvard street, Ward 7.

Goodman, Leavitt Yatter Company, illuminated sign, 597 Washington street, Ward 7.

Simon Himelhoch, pole on which to hang clothing, 222 Sumner street, Ward 2.

ORDER PASSED—NOT REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

Ordered, That His Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court for the passage of an act to authorize the City of Boston to pay to Julia B. McCarthy, widow of Patrick J. McCarthy, late fireman of said city, who lost his life at a fire on March 11, 1900, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to be such fireman until the close of the present fiscal year.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following orders have been promulgated by the Board of Police:

April 16, 1900.

General Order No. 686.

There will be examinations of patrolmen for promotion to the rank of sergeant held as follows:

An oral examination will be held at the hearing room of the Board of Police on Friday, May 4, 1900, at 9.30 o'clock A.M.

A written examination will be held at the examination room of the Civil Service Commission at the State House on Monday, May 7, 1900, at 9.30 o'clock A.M.

Officers who have been patrolmen for three years prior to May 1, 1900, are eligible for promotion.

The examination board will consist of the Superintendent and two Deputy Superintendents.

Candidates will be examined orally, and also by written examination, upon their general intelligence, statute law, ordinances and police manual. After examination the examining board will forward to the Board of Police the names of the fifteen most worthy and most suitable men for promotion, as appearing to the examining board from their oral and written examinations, general qualifications and appearance.

As vacancies occur the Board of Police will select from the fifteen names, and send to the Civil Service Commissioners, for a

non-competitive examination as many of the fifteen as there are vacancies to fill.

After eight of the fifteen have been selected, the Board of Police will order a new examination, and under no circumstances will the Board select more than eight officers from the fifteen then reported.

The fifteen names selected by the examining board will be given to the Department and posted in the station-houses.

All patrolmen desiring to take the examination will report the fact to their captain, and he will forward their names, with the date of their appointment as patrolmen, to the Superintendent on or before Thursday, April 19, 1900.

Each captain will also forward at the same time a report of the character, habits, record for industry, etc., of each officer applying from his division, and the report will be considered by the examining board in making their final report.

The Board desires the captains to report as above, not merely that the officer in question is good man and generally satisfactory, but to make a detailed report of each particular officer's particular qualifications.

April 17, 1900.

General Order No. 687.

In the matter of the complaint made against Patrolman Robert W. Woods, of Division 9, for violation of Rule XXVI. of the Police Manual, to wit: Neglect of duty, in that he failed to report at the station-house at the end of his tour of duty on February 27, current, the Board finds the said Patrolman Woods guilty and sentences him to a forfeiture of twenty days' pay.

APPROPRIATION BILL SIGNED.

The appropriation bill for 1900-1901, as passed in concurrence by both branches of the City Council (see THE CITY RECORD No. 16, pages 247-248), was signed by Mayor Hart on Friday, April 20, 1900.

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1. S. B. 6, an Act to incorporate the Boston and Brockton Electric Freight Company, p. 97.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 30. Feb. 13, 19, 20. Closed.	Mch. 9. S. (L.W.)							
2. S. B. 19, an Act to provide for the formation and disbursement of a public school teachers' retirement fund in the City of Boston, p. 49.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 18.	Feb. 2. Closed.	Feb. 28. S. (S.B.19)	Mch. 9.	Mch. 12.	Mch. 14. H.	Mch. 22.	Apr. 6.	H. Apr. 10. S. Apr. 11.	App. Apr. 17.
3. S. R. 21, a Resolve to confirm an act of the Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 50.	Cities. Jan. 10.	Jan. 19. Closed.	Jan. 19. S. (S.B. 21)	Jan. 22.	Jan. 23.	Jan. 25. H.	Jan. 26.	Jan. 29.	H. Jan. 31. S. Feb. 2.	App. Feb. 2.
4. S. B. 22, an Act to define the authority of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston as to the Chestnut Hill Reservoir Grounds, p. 50.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 19.	Jan. 31. Closed.								
5. S. B. 28, an Act to authorize the Old Colony Trust Company to hold real estate, p. 50.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 23.	Jan. 31. Closed.	Feb. 2. S. (S.B.114)	Feb. 5.	Feb. 6.	Feb. 8. H.	Feb. 9.	Feb. 12.	H. Feb. 14. S. Feb. 19.	App. Feb. 20.
6. S. B. 32, an Act to provide for the construction of sea-walls, piers and docks on certain lands at East Boston, owned by the Commonwealth, p. 50.	Harbors and Public Lands. Jan. 25.	Mch. 16, 23. Apr. 3. Closed.								
7. S. B. 36, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness beyond its debt limit for the purpose of building and furnishing additional school-houses and taking land therefor, p. 65.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 29.	Feb. 23. Closed.								
8. S. B. 50, an Act relative to the Fire Department of the City of Boston, p. 65.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 28. S. (S. B. 50)	Mch. 29.	Mch. 30.	Apr. 3. H.	Apr. 20.	Apr. 23.	H. Apr. 24. S.	
9. S. B. 57, an Act to authorize the East Boston Dry Dock Company to extend its marine railway beyond the harbor line at East Boston, p. 65.	Harbors and Public Lands. Jan. 31.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Apr. 16. S. (S.B.180)	Apr. 17.	Apr. 18. Am.					
10. S. B. 63, an Act to provide for the construction of a portion of the State highway between the City of Boston and the City of Lynn, known as the North Shore road, p. 65.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 16. Closed.								
11. S. B. 71, an Act to establish the salary of the clerk of the Municipal Court of the Roxbury District of the City of Boston, p. 66.	Public Service. Jan. 31.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. H (HB1155)	Apr. 2.	Apr. 5.	Apr. 9. S.				
12. S. B. 72, an Act to establish the salary of the assistant clerk of the Municipal Court of the Roxbury District of the City of Boston, p. 66.	Public Service. Jan. 3.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. H (HB 1156)	Apr. 2.	Apr. 6.	Apr. 10. S.				
13. S. B. 73, an Act relative to certain grade crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 66.	Railroads. Jan. 31.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 12. S. (S.B. 134)	Mch. 13.	Mch. 14. Am.	Mch. 16. H.	Mch. 26.	Mch. 27.	H. Mch. 28. S. Mch. 30.	App. Apr. 3.
14. S. B. 76, an Act to provide for the laying out and construction of Carleton street, in the City of Boston, p. 66.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 13. H. (S. B. 76)	Feb. 14.	Feb. 16.	Feb. 20. S.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 26. Am.	H. Mch. 5. S. Mch. 6.	App. Mch. 9.
15. S. B. 84, an Act relative to the power of the School Committee of the City of Boston, p. 97.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 28. H (H B 1169)	Mch. 30.	Apr. 3.	Apr. 4. S.	Apr. 5.	Apr. 9.	H. Apr. 11. S. Apr. 12.	App. Apr. 13.
16. S. B. 85, an Act relative to the Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 66.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 19. Closed.	Feb. 21. S. (L.W.)							
17. S. B. 86, an Act relative to the Assessors of the City of Boston, p. 98.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 19. Closed.	Feb. 21. S. (L.W.)							
18. S. B. 87, an Act relative to the presiding officers and clerks of the Common Council and of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, and to the City Clerk of said city, p. 66.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 19. Closed.	Feb. 21. S. (L.W.)							
19. S. B. 89, an Act to provide for primary elections in Boston, p. 67. (See also No. 91.)	Election Laws. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Mch. 27. H (HB 1157)	Apr. 3.	Apr. 6.	Apr. 10. S.	Apr. 11.	Apr. 17. Am.	H. Apr. 24. S.	
20. S. B. 90, an Act relative to the nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 98.	Election Laws. Feb. 1.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L.W.) S.B. 90 sub. in S. Mch. 15	Mch. 19. Rej.						
21. S. B. 103, an Act relative to the improvement of Stony Brook, in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
22. S. B. 110, an Act relative to the lease of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, p. 67.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Mch. 9. Closed.								
23. S. B. 115, an Act to establish a public market and public forum in the City of Boston, p. 67.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 20. Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 6. S. (L.W.)							
24. S. B. 117, an Act relative to the bequest of of the late Charlotte Harris to the Charlestown Public Library, p. 98. (See also No. 40.)	Libraries. Feb. 14.	Mch. 19. Closed.	Mch. 22. H (HB 1140)	Mch. 26.	Apr. 11.	Apr. 13. S.	Apr. 16.	Apr. 17.	H. Apr. 20. S. Apr. 24.	

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25. S. B. 136, an Act relative to Malden bridge, p. 179.	Metropolitan Affairs. Mch. 20.	Apr. 4. Closed.								
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26. H. B. 2, an Act to incorporate the City Trust Company, p. 98.	Banks and Banking. Jan. 10.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H.(H.B.2.)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 5.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.
27. H. B. 22, an Act to regulate the price of gas in the City of Boston, p. 37.	Manufactures. Jan. 10.	Mch. 2, 7, 12, 14, 23. Apr. 4, 23. Feb. 1. Closed.								
28. H. B. 32, an Act to extend the time for filing petitions for the assessment of damages accruing from the alterations of the grade crossing of Dorchester avenue in the City of Boston and the Old Colony Railroad, p. 37.	Railroads. Jan. 10.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H.(H.B.32)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 5.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.
29. H. R. 33, a Resolve relative to the assumption of possession of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth, p. 37.	Railroads. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.								
30. H. B. 36, an Act to authorize the lease of the Boston and Albany Railroad to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, p. 37.	Railroads. Jan. 10.	Mch. 1, 21, 29. Apr. 5, 12, 16, 26.								
31. H. B. 37, an Act relative to appeals in case of the taking of land as private property by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, and to confirm its takings of land as private property in the County of Suffolk, p. 37.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 23. Feb. 6, 8. Closed.	Mch. 29. H.(H.B.1181)	Apr. 4.	Apr. 10.	Apr. 12. S.	Apr. 13.	Apr. 16.	H. Apr. 18. S. Apr. 24.	App. Apr. 25.
32. H. B. 97, an Act relative to the establishment of gas and electric light plants by the City of Boston, p. 37.	Manufactures. Jan. 11.	Feb. 21, 23. Apr. 10, 12. Closed.	Apr. 18. H.(N.P.)							
33. H. R. 99, a Resolve relative to the purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth, p. 38.	Railroads. Jan. 11.	Jan. 24, 31. Closed.								
34. H. B. 114, an Act relative to the nomination of Mayor in the City of Boston and Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 38.	Election Laws. Jan. 12.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 28. H.(N.G.C.)							
35. H. B. 160, an Act to provide for the appointment of a Police Commissioner and a Board of Excise Commissioners for the City of Boston, p. 38.	Liquor Law. Jan. 15.	Feb. 14. Closed.	Mch. 21. H.(L.W.)							
36. H. B. 161, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside its debt limit to erect school-houses in Ward 22 in said city, p. 39.	Cities. Jan. 16. To Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 17.	Feb. 23, 26. Closed.								
37. H. B. 179, an Act relative to the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen in Boston, p. 39.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Jan. 25. Closed.	Jan. 25. H.(N.P.)							
38. H. B. 180, an Act relative to the President of the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 39.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Jan. 25. Closed.	Jan. 25. H.(N.P.)							
39. H. B. 192, an Act to incorporate the Boston Life Assurance Company, p. 40.	Insurance. Jan. 17.	Jan. 30. Closed.	Mch. 15. H.(H.B.1097)							
40. H. B. 198, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's and Chandler's ponds in the City of Boston and City of Newton, p. 51. (See also No. 76.)	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 17.	Jan. 26. Closed.	Mch. 7. H.(L.W.)							
41. H. B. 204, an Act to provide for the transfer of the Harris collection of the Charlestown Public Library to the Central Library of the City of Boston, p. 51. (See also No. 24.)	Judiciary (House). Jan. 18.	Jan. 30. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (N. P.)							
42. H. R. 208, a Resolve in favor of submitting to a popular vote the question of State ownership of the Boston and Albany Railroad, p. 51.	Railroads. Jan. 19.	Feb. 9. Closed.								
43. H. B. 217, an Act to incorporate the Johnson Buildings, p. 53.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 18.	Jan. 31. Closed.	Feb. 5. H.(H.B.943)	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	Feb. 13. S.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 20.	H. Feb. 23. S. Feb. 28.	App. Mch. 2.
44. H. B. 224, an Act relative to subways and tunnels in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 18.	Jan. 30. Feb. 27. Closed.	Mch. 2. H.(L.W.)							
45. H. B. 260, an Act relative to granting liquor licenses in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Liquor Law. Jan. 22.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 26. H.(N.P.)							
46. H. B. 293, an Act relative to the Boston Fire Department, p. 51.	Cities. Jan. 23.	Feb. 12. Closed.	Mch. 15. H.(L.W.)							
47. H. B. 295, an Act relative to the registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Election Laws. Jan. 23.	Feb. 8. Closed.	Feb. 28. H.(L.W.)							
48. H. B. 296, an Act to define residence as a requisite for voting in the City of Boston, p. 52.										
49. H. B. 298, an Act to provide for a high-school building in the Charlestown District of the City of Boston, p. 52.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	Feb. 23. Closed.								

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50. H. R. 308, a Resolve to confirm the acts of Charles W. Whittier as a Justice of the Peace, p. 52.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 23.	Jan. 30. Closed.	Jan. 30. H(H.R.308)	Jan. 31	Feb. 2.	Feb. 6. S.	Feb. 7.	Feb. 8.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.
51. H. B. 321, an Act in addition to an act to incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company in the City of Boston, p. 52.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 23.	Feb. 2. Closed.	Feb. 5. H(H.B.947)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7.	Feb. 9. S.	Feb. 12.	Feb. 13.	H. Feb. 15. S. Feb. 19.	App. Feb. 20.
52. H. B. 325, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Catherine C. Dodge, p. 52.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 26. Closed.	Mch. 15. S. (N. P.)							
53. H. B. 326, an Act relative to the Metropolitan Water Board, p. 52.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 24.	Jan. 31. Feb. 6. Closed.								
54. H. B. 337, an Act relative to the pensioning of war veterans who are members of the Fire Department of the City of Boston, p. 52.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 5. Closed.	Feb. 8. H. (L. W.)							
55. H. B. 343, an Act to provide for the construction of a hospital in East Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 24.	Feb. 6. Closed.	Feb. 16. H(H.B.999)	Feb. 19.	Feb. 23.	Feb. 27. S.	Mch. 1. Ref.			
56. H. B. 355, an Act to incorporate the Marine Park Tower Company, p. 53.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 24.	Feb. 9, 13. Closed.	Mch. 21. H(H.B.1123)	Apr. 3. Ref.						
57. H. B. 370, an Act to authorize the Lexington and Boston Street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property, p. 53.	Street Railways. Jan. 30.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 28. H(H.B.1172)	Apr. 6.	Apr. 20. Am.	Apr. 24. S.				
58. H. B. 371, an Act to authorize the Fitchburg Railroad Company to take lands in Boston for freight purposes, p. 53.	Railroads. Jan. 25.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
59. H. B. 375, an Act relative to the improvement of Stony brook in the City of Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 25.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
60. H. B. 386, an Act to regulate the price of gas in that portion of the City of Boston known as East Boston, p. 53.	Manufactures. Jan. 25.	Mch. 2, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28. Apr. 4, 23. Closed.	Feb. 14. H(H.B.397)							
61. H. B. 397, an Act to authorize and direct the Metropolitan Park Commission to acquire Fuller's wharf, in Brighton, as a part of the Charles-river reservation, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 25.	Feb. 6. Closed.								
62. H. B. 411, an Act relative to the fares charged by any street railway operating in the City of Boston, p. 68.	Street Railways. Jan. 26.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 9. H. (L. W.)							
63. H. R. 417, Resolutions relative to an appropriation by the Congress of the United States for the improvement of Boston Harbor, p. 68.	Federal Relations. Jan. 29.	Feb. 2. Closed.	Feb. 2. H(H.R.417)		Feb. 6. Ad.	Feb. 8. S.		Feb. 9. Ad.		
64. H. B. 420, an Act to regulate the price of gas in the City of Boston, p. 68.	Manufactures. Jan. 29.	Mch. 2, 7, 14, 19, 28. Apr. 4, 23. Closed.								
65. H. B. 434, an Act to further define the duties of Boards of Registrars of Voters in all the cities of the Commonwealth, p. 68.	Election Laws. Jan. 29.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 7. H. (L. W.)							
66. H. B. 435, an Act to extend the time for building the Boston, Quincy and Fall River Bicycle Railway, p. 68.	Street Railways. Jan. 29.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Feb. 26. H(H.B.435)	Mch. 1.	Mch. 2.	Mch. 6. S.	Mch. 7.	Mch. 9.	H. Mch. 13. S. Mch. 15.	App. Mch. 16.
67. H. B. 441, an Act to require the Metropolitan Park Commission to rebuild the bridge over the Neponset river, between Blue Hills parkway in the Town of Milton and Mattapan square in the City of Boston, p. 69.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 29.	Feb. 6. Closed.								
68. H. B. 448, an Act in favor of Anna W. Wason, p. 69.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 16. Closed.	Mch. 16. H(H.B.1103)	Mch. 19.	Mch. 20.	Mch. 22. S.	Mch. 23.	Mch. 26.	H. Mch. 28. S. Apr. 2.	App. Apr. 3.
69. H. B. 449, an Act to provide rooms in the City of Boston in which to hold the Probate Court of Norfolk County in certain cases, p. 69.	Counties. Jan. 29.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 20. H(H.B.449)	Mch. 21.	Mch. 23.	Mch. 27. S.				
70. H. B. 478, an Act to exempt the estate No. 13 Compton street in the City of Boston from the operation of the building laws, p. 69.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 9. Closed.	Mch. 28. S. (L. W.)							
71. H. B. 495, an Act to regulate the distribution of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 69.	Liquor Law. Jan. 30.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 26. H. (L. W.)							
72. H. B. 499, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside of its debt limit to erect a municipal building in South Boston, p. 70.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13. Closed.								
73. H. B. 515, an Act to extend the time for filing petitions for the assessment of damages accruing from the location and construction of railroads under the provisions of the Act to provide for a South Union station, p. 70.	Railroads. Jan. 30.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 19. H. (L. W.)							
74. H. B. 516, an act relative to the Boston and Suburban Express Company, p. 70.	Street Railways. Jan. 30.	Mch. 9, 27. Closed.	Apr. 24. H. (L. W.)							

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75. H. B. 528, an Act to revise the charter of the City of Boston, p. 70.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Apr. 4.	Apr. 4. H.(N.G.C.)							
76. H. B. 537, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's and Chandler's ponds by the Metropolitan Park Commission, p. 71. (See also No. 40.)	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 13. Closed.	Mch. 13. H.(N.G.C.)							
77. H. B. 540, an Act relative to the disposition of fees for the solemnization of marriages received by the City Registrar or Assistant City Registrar of the City of Boston, p. 71.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 31.	Feh. 26. Closed.	Mch. 26. S.(N.G.C.)							
78. H. R. 545, a Resolve relative to the building known as the Westminster Chambers in the City of Boston, p. 71. (See also No. 81.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Apr. 18. S.(S. B.188)							
79. H. B. 551, an Act to promote the location and construction of freight tracks on the Commonwealth flats in South Boston, p. 71.	Harbors and Public Lands. Jan. 31.	Feh. 20, 26. Mch. 2, 9. Closed.								
80. H. B. 561, an Act to rebuild the Broadway bridge in the City of Boston, p. 71.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feh. 13. Closed.								
81. H. B. 567, an Act relative to the building at the corner of St. James avenue and Trinity place in the City of Boston, p. 71. (See No. 78.)	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 6. Closed.	(See No. 78.)							
82. H. B. 568, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of William J. Ryan, p. 71.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feh. 26. Closed.								
83. H. B. 576, an Act to authorize the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company to establish a guaranty capital, p. 71.	Insurance. Jan. 31.	Feh. 21. Closed.	Mch. 16. H(HB.1105)	Mch. 19.	Mch. 26.	Mch. 28. S.	Mch. 29.	Apr. 2. Am.	H. Apr. 6. S. Apr. 10.	App. Apr. 11.
84. H. B. 579, an Act relative to the hiring of laborers by the City of Boston, p. 72.	Labor. Jan. 31.	Feh. 16. Closed.	Apr. 16. H.(L. W.)							
85. H. B. 587, an Act to provide for the construction of the esplanade on Charles river, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feh. 14. Closed.	Feh. 19. H.(L.W.)							
86. H. B. 598, an Act relative to the appointment of pilots and Pilot Commissioners for Boston harbor, p. 72.	Judiciary (House) Jan. 31.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 20. H.(L.W.)							
87. H. B. 600, an Act relative to the appointment of court officers in the municipal courts in the County of Suffolk, p. 99.	Judiciary (House) Jan. 31.	Mch. 1. Closed.	Apr. 2. H(H.B.600)	Apr. 17.						
88. H. B. 606, an Act to provide for additional subways in the City of Boston, p. 72.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 12, 22, 29, Apr. 5. Closed.								
89. H. R. 608, a Resolve to confirm the acts of James E. Leach as a Justice of Peace, p. 73.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 31.	Feh. 19. Closed.	Feh. 19. H(H.R.608)	Feh. 20.	Feh. 21.	Feb. 26. S.	Feb. 27.	Feh. 28.	H. Mch. 2. S. Mch. 6.	App. Mch. 7.
90. H. B. 621, an Act relative to expenses of medical examiners and other county officers, p. 73.	Counties. Feb. 1.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 26. H. (L.W.)							
91. H. B. 622, an Act relative to caucuses in the City of Boston, p. 73. (See also No. 19.)	Election Laws. Feb. 1.	Feh. 28. Closed.	Mch. 27. H(HB.1157)	Apr. 3.	Apr. 6.	Apr. 10. S.	Apr. 11.	Apr. 17. Am.	H. Apr. 24. S.	
92. H. B. 631, an Act relative to the pensioning of war veterans who are members of the police force of the City of Boston, p. 74.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 8. H.(N.P.)							
93. H. B. 638, an Act relative to parkways in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feh. 28. Closed.								
94. H. B. 639, an Act to direct the Boston Transit Commission to widen Pleasant street in the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15, 27, Mch. 12, 22, 29, Apr. 5. Closed.								
95. H. B. 640, an Act to provide for establishing a playground to meet the wants of Wards 15 and 16 of the City of Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feh. 28. Closed.								
96. H. B. 654, an Act relative to the advertising of legal notices in the County of Suffolk and City of Boston, p. 74.	Judiciary (House) Feb. 1.	Mch. 1. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (N.P.)							
97. H. B. 660, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside the debt limit for the purpose of completing its public parks, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feh. 16. Closed.								
98. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the crossings of railroads and public ways in East Boston, p. 74.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Mch. 9, 19, 27, Apr. 2, 11. Closed.								
99. H. B. 676, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to establish and maintain an industrial school, p. 99.	Cities. Feb. 1. To Education. Feb. 7	Feh. 23, 28, Closed.	Mch. 8. H(H.B.676)	Mch. 9.	Mch. 12.	Mch. 14. S.	Mch. 15.	Mch. 16.	H. Mch. 22. S. Mch. 20.	App. Mch. 23.

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100. H. B. 678, an Act relative to the School Committee of the City of Boston, p. 83.	Education. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21, 27. Closed.	Mch. 21. H.(N.G.C.)							
101. H. B. 679, an Act to establish a School-house Department in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Education. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21, 27. Closed.	Mch. 21. H.(N.G.C.)							
102. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the number of liquor licenses which may be issued by cities and towns, p. 99.	Liquor Law. Feb. 1.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (L. W.)							
103. H. B. 688, an Act to provide for the creation and disbursement of a public school janitor's retirement fund in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Mch. 19. H. (L. W.)							
104. H. B. 689, an Act to incorporate the South Bay Wharf and Warehouse Company, p. 84.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 7. Closed.	Apr. 3. H(H B 1202)							
105. H. B. 690, an Act to provide for the construction of additional subways in the City of Boston, p. 84.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 27. Closed.	Mch. 12. H. (L. W.)							
106. H. B. 691, an Act to regulate the erection and maintenance of school buildings in the City of Boston, p. 140.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 23, 26. Closed.	Mch. 19. H. (L. W.)							
107. H. B. 693, an Act relative to the parks, parkways and boulevards of the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 6. H. (L. W.)							
108. H. B. 694, an Act relative to streets and lands in the neighborhood of parks, parkways and boulevards in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 6. H. (L. W.)							
109. H. B. 713, an Act to abolish fees for dog licenses in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Probate and Insolvency. Feb. 1.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H.(H.B.713)	Feb. 21.	Feb. 23.	Mch. 1. S.	Mch. 15. Rej.			
110. H. B. 723, an Act relative to Back street in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 1. To Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 8.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 5. H.(H.B.723)	Mch. 6.	Mch. 8.	Mch. 12. S.	Mch. 13.	Mch. 15.	II. Mch. 19. S. Mch. 20.	App. Mch. 23.
111. H. B. 726, an Act for the purchase by the Commonwealth of the road, franchise, property, rights and privileges of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, p. 85.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 27. Mch. 20, 21, 23. Closed.								
112. H. B. 729, an Act to enlarge the Board of Railroad Commissioners and to purchase the Boston and Albany Railroad, p. 85.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Mch. 20, 21, 23. Apr. 2. Closed.								
113. H. B. 740, an Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 353 of the Acts of 1892, relative to pensioning members of the Police Department of the City of Boston, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	Mch. 8. H. (N. P.)							
114. H. B. 746, an Act to provide fenders on certain conveyances operating in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. Mch. 6, 13. Closed.	Mch. 15. H. (N. P.)							
115. H. B. 748, an Act relative to the election of aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 14. Closed.	Apr. 3. S. (N. P.)							
116. H. B. 752, an Act relative to the appointment of constables in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 6. H. (L. W.)							
117. H. B. 756, an Act relative to the appointment of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Mch. 5. H. (N. P.)							
118. H. B. 758, an Act to provide for the care and support of the insane by the Commonwealth, p. 86.	Public Charitable Institutions. Feb. 2.	Apr. 10. Closed.	Apr. 10. H. (N. P.)							
119. H. B. 772, an Act relative to the construction of tenement-houses in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Mch. 1, 9, 13. Closed.	Apr. 4. S.(S.B.157.) T. In S. Apr. 24. Mch. 20. H. (L. W.)	Apr. 13.						
120. H. B. 775, an Act relative to registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 87.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (L. W.)							
121. H. B. 776, an Act relative to names upon the voting lists of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 26. H(HB 1151)	Mch. 28.	Apr. 4.	Apr. 5. S.	Apr. 10.	Apr. 11.	II. Apr. 13. S. Apr. 17.	App. Apr. 18.
122. H. B. 784, an Act to incorporate the First Motor Vehicle Company, p. 88.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13, 14. Closed.	Mch. 21. H. (L. W.)							
123. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston to lay out and construct a bicycle path across the Common, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L. W.)							
124. H. B. 788, an Act relative to the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Mch. 7.	Mch. 7. H.(N.G.C.)							
125. H. B. 789, an Act relative to the system of playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
126. H. B. 796, an Act relative to pensioning medical examiners of the County of Suffolk, p. 88.	Public Health. Feb. 2. To Public Service. Feb. 7.	Mch. 9. Closed.	Mch. 9. S. (L. W.)							

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127. H. B. 802, an Act to limit all steam railroads to a five-cent fare within the limits of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 28. H. (L.W.)							
128. H. B. 804, an Act to authorize persons qualified to vote for Governor to vote at the next State election on the question of the purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth, p. 100.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	Mch. 6. Closed.								
129. H. B. 825, an Act relating to the Probate and Insolvency Court for the County of Suffolk, p. 100.	Public Service. Feb. 2.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Apr. 13. H. (L. W.)							
130. H. B. 830, an Act relative to the appointment of inspectors of milk for the City of Boston, p. 100.	Agriculture. Feb. 5.	Mch. 7. Closed.	Mch. 14. H. (N. P.)							
131. H. B. 832, an Act relative to the opening of streets in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2, 12. Closed.	Mch. 14. H. (N. P.)							
132. H. B. 844, an Act relative to membership of Metropolitan commissions, p. 100.	Public Service. Feb. 5.	Feb. 20. Mch. 8. Closed.	Apr. 4. H. (N. P.)							
133. H. B. 845, an Act to provide for minority representation on the Metropolitan commissions, p. 101.	Public Service. Feb. 15.	Feb. 20. Mch. 8. Closed.	Apr. 4. H. (N. P.)							
134. H. B. 848, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 28. H. (N. P.)							
135. H. B. 851, an Act relative to extension of system of the Boston Elevated Railway Company in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Street Railways. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 5. H. (N. P.)							
136. H. B. 866, an Act relative to the limitation of height of second class buildings in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 9, 13. Closed.	Mch. 25. H. (L. W.)							
137. H. B. 867, an Act relative to the construction of cellars in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 9, 13. Closed.	Apr. 2. S. (S. B. 155)	Apr. 3.	Apr. 4.	Apr. 6. H.	Apr. 20.	Apr. 24.		
138. H. B. 876, an Act to regulate the election of caucus officers in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Election Laws. Feb. 5.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 15. H. (L. W.)							
139. H. B. 879, an Act relative to pilots on tugboats engaged in towing vessels bound to or from certain ports within the limits of Boston harbor, p. 101.	Harbors and Public Lands. Feb. 5.	Feb. 28. Mch. 8, 13, 20. Closed.								
140. H. B. 882, an Act to provide for the appointment of a Board of Excise for the City of Boston, p. 101.	Liquor Law. Feb. 5.	Feb. 14. Closed.	Mch. 21. H. (L. W.)							
141. H. B. 883, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to take additional land for the purpose of caring for the insane, p. 102.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Apr. 4. S. (S. B. 156)	Apr. 5.						
142. H. B. 893, an Act to regulate the price of gas in that part of the City of Boston known as Charlestown, p. 102.	Manufactures. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28. Apr. 4, 23.								
143. H. B. 914, an Act to exempt the City of Boston from the provisions of the civil service laws, p. 102.	Public Service. Feb. 5.	Mch. 13, 20, 22, 27, 30.	Apr. 3. S. (L. W.)							
144. H. B. 919, an Act to regulate railroad fares in the suburban district of Boston, p. 102.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 28. H. (H. B. 919)	Apr. 5.						
145. H. B. 920, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban district of Boston, p. 102.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 30. H. (H. B. 1193)	Apr. 4.	Apr. 24.					
146. H. B. 924, an Act to provide for a Greater Boston by permitting towns and cities adjoining to be annexed by concurrent vote, p. 120.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 5.	Mch. 7. Closed.								
147. H. B. 927, an Act relative to the rate of taxation and indebtedness of the City of Boston, p. 121.	Taxation and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2, 15, 19. Closed.	Apr. 12. S. (S. B. 177)							
148. H. B. 939, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to license business brokers, p. 121.	Judiciary (House.) Feb. 5.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
149. H. B. 942, an Act to provide for a Board of Elections for the City of Boston, p. 103.	Election Laws. Feb. 5.	Feb. 28.	Feb. 28. H. (L. W.)							
150. H. B. 974, an Act relative to pensioning of members of the police force of the City of Boston, p. 121.	Cities. Feb. 9.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 30. H. (H. B. 1191)	Apr. 6. Am.						
151. H. B. 1024, an Act to change the name of the House for the employment and reformation of boys in Suffolk County and for other purposes, p. 122.	Prisons. Mch. 22.	Apr. 2. Closed.	Apr. 3. H. (H. B. 1205)	Apr. 4.						
152. H. B. 1228, an Act to provide for an employees' retirement fund in the City of Boston, p. 233.	Cities. Jan. 10.	Jan. 26. Feb. 8, 23. Closed.	Apr. 6. H. (H. B. 1228)	Apr. 18.						

H., signifies House; S., Senate; B., Bill; R., Resolve; (N. P.), Ought not to Pass; (L. W.), Leave to Withdraw; N. G. C., Next General Court; Rej., Rejected; Am., Amended; App., Approved; Ad., Adopted; Sub., Substituted; T., Tabled; T. T., Taken from Table.

Department Communications.

Bath Department.

Following is a summary of the number of baths taken daily at the Dover-street Bath-house during the month of February, 1900, together with the amount received for use of towels and soap at one cent each:

FEB.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Amount received.
1 . . .	170	63	9	23	265	\$3 22
2 . . .	214	89	19	48	370	5 13
3 . . .	447	188	207	382	1,224	11 31
4 . . .	568	211	13	73	865	14 23
5 . . .	251	89	15	44	399	5 66
6 . . .	318	135	9	38	500	7 76
7 . . .	403	162	5	59	629	9 79
8 . . .	261	93	15	54	423	6 22
9 . . .	400	162	23	85	670	10 12
10 . . .	504	211	216	328	1,259	13 62
11 . . .	611	217	30	82	940	14 55
12 . . .	319	126	11	48	504	8 49
13 . . .	305	97	11	27	440	7 39
14 . . .	274	103	17	52	446	7 65
15 . . .	341	135	18	52	546	8 26
16 . . .	347	179	18	51	595	7 42
17 . . .	405	115	190	299	1,009	9 68
18 . . .	225	89	15	62	391	5 81
19 . . .	201	98	11	42	352	4 03
20 . . .	311	103	16	55	485	6 52
21 . . .	432	167	18	65	682	9 96
22 . . .	241	98	14	49	402	5 65
23 . . .	431	191	21	53	696	9 70
24 . . .	545	198	211	332	1,286	13 10
25 . . .	471	172	11	59	713	10 87
26 . . .	110	47	3	14	174	2 51
27 . . .	75	31	2	12	120	1 70
28 . . .	203	59	9	26	297	4 33
Totals,	9,383	3,628	1,157	2,514	16,682	\$224 68

NOTE.—Saturdays, from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M., boys and girls are supplied free with towel and soap.

CHARLES F. MORSE, Secretary.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, April 9, 1900.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending April 7, 1900:

Number of chattel mortgages	116
Number of discharges of mortgages	30
Number of assignments of mortgages	6
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgage	1
Number of bills of sale	6
Number of assignments of wages	39
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	3
Number of married women's certificates	6

E. J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

Building Department.

Old Court House, February 19, 1900.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved

and disapproved, for the week ending February 17, 1900:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap-proved.		Dis-ap-proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1 . . .	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	1
2 . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	3
3 . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
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JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, April 9, 1900.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending April 7, 1900, as follows:

Frank Patrick, of Engine Company 20, has been granted a day off for meritorious conduct in stopping a runaway horse on Neponset avenue, March 23.

Capt. Robert A. Ritchie, of Engine Company 8, has been granted a day off for meritorious conduct in stopping a runaway horse on Sumner street, East Boston, March 26.

A. B. Howard, of Engine Company 25, John H. Burke, of Engine Company 43 and Charles F. McFarlane, of Combination Company 3, have been appointed senior members of their respective companies. Henry F. Hersey and A. A. Fraser have been appointed call-substitutes of Engine Company 19 and Ladder Company 10, respectively.

Hoseman Charles C. Springer has been promoted to be a lieutenant, and assigned to Chemical Company 10.

P. J. Hickey, of Engine Company 21, has been suspended for disobedience of orders.

Lieut. Joseph Smith, of Chemical Company 10, has been sentenced to forfeit one month's pay and reduced to the ranks, for frequenting a liquor saloon while on duty.

Orders have been drawn for repairs of roofs for Engine-house 13, \$412, and Engine-house 45, \$55.

There have been purchased of Welch & Hall two horses, and of George H. Barnes one horse, for \$145 each.

The following transfers have been made:

Francis E. Merrill, Ladder Company 4 to Engine Company 44; Edward H. Murtagh, Engine Company 44 to Ladder Company 4; W. D. Quinan, Ladder Company 15 to Engine Company 41; Charles A. Rodd, Engine Company 41 to Combination Company 6; William F. Donovan, Combination Company 6 to Ladder Company 15; James E. Nolan, Engine Company 6 to Engine Company 17; John J. Hayes, Engine Company 17 to Engine Company 6; Joseph Smith, Chemical Company 10 to Chemical Company 4, and Charles C. Springer, Chemical Company 4 to Chemical Company 10.

B. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, March 24, 1900.

The following applications for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

J. John Cody, Willow court, Ward 16, eight horses; hearing April 5, at 11 A.M. A. W. Goodnow, 8 Robinwood avenue, Ward 22, one cow; hearing March 29, at 11 A.M. Fire Department, City of Boston, six horses, Bristol street, Ward 9; hearing April 5, at 11 A.M. Jackson H. Townsend, Gibson street, Ward 24, 100 horses; hearing April 5, at 11 A.M.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

William J. Carlin, Seaver street, Ward 21, two horses; Wallace H. Pendle, 100 Esmond street, Ward 20, two horses.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending March 24, 1900:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	32	30	62
Negative	119	84	203
No growth	1	1	2
Totals	152	115	267

Typhoid diagnoses: Fifteen cases; three cases positive, eleven negative and one case atypical.

Old Court House, March 31, 1900.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

William L. Henry, Furbish court, Ward 4, sixty horses; hearing April 12, at 11 o'clock. William B. Cunningham, 465 River street, Ward 24, one horse; hearing April 12. Alexander Russell, 54 Champney street, Ward 16, six horses; hearing April 12.

The petition of A. W. Goodnow for the occupancy of a stable on 8 Robinwood avenue, Ward 22, for one cow, has been granted.

The following shows the work of inspection done at the Abattoir for the month ending March 31, 1900:

Steers	967
New England cows	416
New England bulls	149
Western cows	52
Sheep	534
Calves	2,067

Total 4,185

During the month 4,367 pounds of diseased meat were condemned.

The following articles of food were condemned by the Inspector of Provisions during the month of March, 1900:

Beef, 350 pounds; poultry, 345 pounds; veal (immatured), 1,706 pounds; beans, 8 crates; pears, 1 box.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending March 31, 1900:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	29	26	55
Negative	102	70	172
No growth	1	3	4
Totals	132	99	231

Typhoid diagnoses: Six cases, negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, April 2, 1900.

Statistics for the week ending March 31, 1900:

Cases pending	—	
Number of applications	70	70
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse, Tewksbury	24	
Long Island Almshouse	12	
Charlestown Almshouse	1	
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	8	
Boston Insane Hospital	2	
Westboro' Insane Hospital	1	
Taunton Insane Hospital	3	
Foxboro' Asylum	3	54
Number of applications refused	7	
Number of applications withdrawn	9	
Cases pending	—	70
Settlements investigated		93
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children		9

28 Court Square, April 9, 1900.

Statistics for the week ending April 7, 1900:

Cases pending	—	
Number of applications	89	89
Number of admissions:		
To State Almshouse, Tewksbury	27	
Long Island Almshouse	26	
Charlestown Almshouse	1	
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	2	
Boston Insane Hospital	3	
Taunton Insane Hospital	4	
Foxboro' Asylum	7	70
Number of applications refused	4	
Number of applications withdrawn	15	
Cases pending	—	89
Settlements investigated		99
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children		6

W. T. SEDGWICK, Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, April 2, 1900.

Statistics for the week ending March 31, 1900:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	94	5
Females	27	6
Totals	121	11
Offences:		
Against the person	1	1
Against property	15	6
Against public order and decency	105	4
Pardon revoked	1	—
Totals	122	*11
Discharges:		
Males	109	18
Females	13	—
Totals	122	18
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence, Permit of Commissioner	109	13
Payment of fine	3	1
Transferred to Concord	10	1
Transferred to Deer Island	—	2
Totals	—	1
Population:		
March 24, 1900	915	526
Committed since March 24, 1900	121	11
Totals	1,036	537
Discharged since March 24, 1900	122	18
March 31, 1900	914	519

* One man committed charged with two offences.

32 Tremont Street, April 11, 1900.

Statistics for the week ending April 7, 1900:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	111	11
Females	15	7
Totals	126	18
Offences:		
Against the person	8	1
Against property	14	7
Against public order and decency	107	10
Totals	*129	18
Discharges:		
Males	108	29
Females	16	6
Totals	124	35
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	106	31
Permit of Commissioner	5	2
Payment of fine	12	—
Transferred to Concord	1	1
Died	—	1
Totals	124	35

Population:

March 31, 1900	914	519
Committed since March 31, 1900	126	18
Totals	1,040	537
Discharged since March 31, 1900	124	35
April 7, 1900	916	502

* Three committed charged with two offences each.

RESIGNATIONS.

Mary B. McCreight, from position of superintendent of nurses at House of Correction, Deer Island.

Rabina Pryde, from position of matron at House of Correction, Deer Island.

DEATH.

Dr. Thomas F. Roche, Resident Physician at House of Correction, died on April 8, 1900.

PETER MORRISON, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, March 19, 1900.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the week ending March 17, 1900:

OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	358
Defects reported	138
Defects corrected	61
Notices of new work received	6
Feet of dead wire removed	5,800
Fixtures removed	16

UNDERGROUND DIVISION.

Electrical approvals have been granted as follows:

Building connections	4
Pole connections	2
Repairs	1

Inspections have been made as follows:

Building connections	4
Pole connections	3
Conduit construction	1
Manhole built	1
Cable drawings	8

A slight fire which occurred about 8 A.M., March 15, on the outside of building, 395 Atlantic avenue, and reported by the Fire Department as due to electric wires, was found to be due to other causes.

Michael Rooney, an employee of the Sewer Division, received a shock on Haverhill street, March 15, while holding a steel rope attached to a derrick, the rope being in contact at the time with a Boston Elevated Railway Company trolley wire.

Pole locations for the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company have been selected on streets in Charlestown.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	234
Notices of new work received	96

An inspection of the temporary wiring at the various theatres has been made.

A fire which occurred at Church Green building, junction of Summer and Bedford streets, at 10.37 A.M., March 15, was found to have been caused by grounded condition of electric light wiring at that building.

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

Board Meetings.

Cemetery Department.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Department was held at Mt. Hope Cemetery on Wednesday, April 4, 1900, at 3 P.M.

There was present, besides the full Board, Mayor Hart.

The new chapel, greenhouses and the grounds were inspected.

Voted, That the Chairman be authorized to investigate the question of pauper burials in other cities, for the purpose of making suitable recommendations as to the burial of paupers by the City of Boston, and that such expense as he may incur for travelling and other expenses connected with said investigation be paid by this Department.

ALBERT E. SMITH, Secretary.

Hospital Department.

April 3, 1900.

A meeting of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital was held on April 3, 1900, at 2.30 P.M., at the Hospital.

There were present Messrs. Shuman, Keany and Rueter.

Voted, That there be paid to Lynch & Woodward the sum of \$1,029.80, on account of their contract of October 17, 1899, for furnishing and installing steam mains to Vose House; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital buildings, improvements, Hospital Department.

Voted, That there be paid to John S. Jacobs & Son the sum of \$1,009.27, on account of their contract of November 23, 1897, for erection and completion of the Ann White Vose building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose building, Hospital Department.

Voted, That there be paid to Piercc & Cox the sum of \$600, on account of their contract of November 29, 1898, for plumbing at the Ann White Vose building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose building, Hospital Department.

Voted, That there be paid to Lynch & Woodward the sum of \$277.72, the same being final payment on their contract of December, 1898, for heating and ventilating apparatus at the Ann White Vose building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose building, Hospital Department.

Voted, That there be paid to John Williams the sum of \$670, in full payment of his contracts of January 20 and January 31, 1900, for five bronze tablets for the Ann White Vose building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose building, furnishing, Hospital Department.

Voted, That there be paid to the Otis Wood Works the sum of \$278, in payment for storm porch at the Ann White Vose building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Hospital Department.

Voted, That there be paid to the Murdock Parlor Grate Company the sum of \$728, in full payment of their contract of March 21,

1899, for installing four marble facings and hearths, iron linings, at the Ann White Vose building; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Ann White Vose building, Hospital Department.

A communication was received from the Superintendent, as follows:

Concerning receipts from paying patients. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

A communication was received from the Chief of the Architect Division, enclosing an order of addition to the contract of Craig, Donovan & Co. for \$250.78, for casing for pulley, changing pulleys, furnishing additional belting, etc., at the laundry building. The same was approved.

A communication was received from the Chief of the Architect Division, respecting acceptance of work of Lynch & Woodward at the Vose house, for steam mains, etc. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

A communication was received from the Assistant City Clerk, defining the boundaries of land on Haymarket square given for a relief-station. The same was ordered to be placed on file.

Voted, That the wages due Ida F. Patterson, a nurse, deceased, amounting to \$2.10, be paid to her mother, Emma L. Patterson.

Voted, Upon the recommendation of the Medical Committee, that the sum of \$500 be appropriated for the purpose of the publication of the medical and surgical reports.

Voted, That the Superintendent be authorized to advertise for 1,500 tons of pea coal for Hospital consumption, said advertisement to be in the usual form.

Voted, That the Secretary be requested to write, in renewal of the request of June 6, 1899, to each member of the staff on duty and to the secretary of the senior staff, that owing to the many demands upon the Hospital appropriation, it is necessary to observe the greatest economy in all the Hospital departments, and in accordance therewith, request the Hospital staff to co-operate with the Trustees in reducing expenses, as far as possible, especially in the matter of diets and surgical dressings, as far as can be done without detriment to the surgical and medical service and treatment.

CONRAD J. RUETER, Secretary.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at 126 Commonwealth avenue on Friday, April 12.

Present: Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Marion, Messrs. Goddard and Sanderson, Drs. Baldwin and Knapp.

The records of the Institutions Conference were read.

The bills for the month, amounting to \$6,443.31, were referred to the Committee on Service for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

The pay-rolls for the month, amounting to \$3,523.25, were referred to the Committee on Supplies for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

The bills for the support of the insane in other hospitals, amounting to \$48,268.38, were referred to the Committee on Insane in Other Hospitals for approval, and the Chairman was authorized to sign the draft for that amount.

The report of the Superintendent was read, accepted and placed on file.

The Chairman was authorized to sign a special draft for \$159.60 in payment of the bill of W. A. Murtfeldt Company.

It was voted that an indicator be purchased for the dynamo engine.

The question of the purchase of a small second-hand dynamo was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds with full powers.

The Superintendent was authorized to attend the meeting of the Medico-Psychological Association, at Richmond, and the Chairman and Secretary were appointed a committee with reference to attendance by members of the Board.

The question of painting the interior of the wards and of the changes in the attic rooms of the men's department was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds with instructions to report at the May meeting.

The Secretary was authorized to ask the Mayor for the ice plant discarded by the municipal ice department for the use of the Boston Insane Hospital.

The Chairman and Secretary were appointed a special committee to arrange for inviting the Finance Committee, the Mayor and the City Council to inspect the Institution.

A letter from Clement Driscoll, in regard to the bill for the board of his wife, Evelyn Driscoll, at Westboro', was referred to the Committee on Finance with full powers.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds were authorized to continue planting trees and shrubs at an expense not exceeding \$150.

The question of hiring land for raising potatoes was referred to a special committee consisting of the Chairman, Messrs. Goddard and Sanderson.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds were instructed to confer with the Superintendent in regard to smaller ice-chests.

The special committee, appointed to purchase a horse, reported that a new horse had been purchased at a cost of \$205.

The population of the Institution on March 11, 1900, was as follows:

	Men.	Women.	Total.
In house	246	242	488
On visit	4	11	15
Total	250	253	503

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, March 30, 1900.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Bowditch, DeNormandie, Dwight and Lincoln.

The Librarian's report was received and ordered placed on file.

The salary of Marian W. Brackett, grade C, East Boston branch, was fixed at \$10.50 per week, April 2.

Purchases authorized: Books chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$473.65; to trust funds, \$299.37; to Fellowes Atheneum, \$44.93; Station "P," \$21.78; miscellaneous articles, \$2,003.72.

A letter, dated March 24, was received and read from Col. Thomas Wentworth Higginson, in which was enclosed a proposal from Mr. Andrew Carnegie to subscribe to the extent of \$100 annually to the fund for the purchase of books for the Galatea Collection and it was

Voted, That the thanks of the Trustees be conveyed to Mr. Andrew Carnegie for his generous gift to the Galatea Collection.

Voted, That this sum be deposited to the account of the Trustees in the New England Trust Company, as a special fund for the purchase of books for the Galatea Collection.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Overseeing of the Poor Department.

A meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Poor was held April 4, 1900.

Present: Mr. Fowler (Chairman), Mr. Pierce, Mr. Sproules, Mrs. Wolcott, Mr. Mullen, Dr. Plummer, Miss O'Brien, Mr. Nazro, Mrs. Quinn and Dr. Stuart.

Voted, To draw on the City Treasurer for \$2,000.

Voted, To approve the monthly bills and pay-roll, the same having been read in full.

Voted, To approve the bills of the Temporary Home and the Lodge for Wayfarers for the month ending March 10, 1900.

Voted, That the Secretary renew the subscription of the Board to the "Charities Review" for one year, from May, \$2.

A notice of the Superintendent of Public Buildings that a contract had been made for coal for the quarter beginning April 1 was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Board of Health, of Newton, with regard to bills for contagious cases, was referred to the Chairman, with full powers.

Voted, That the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be informed that it is the opinion of this Board that charges for contagious cases should be increased to the City of Newton, and to any other city or town, that charges us a higher price than \$7 per week.

The Committee on Finance reported having examined the accounts for the month of March and found them correct.

The same committee presented the report of George T. Stoddard, auditor, of his examination of the funds and accounts for the year ending January 31, 1900, which was read by Mr. Pierce. Accepted and placed on file.

Voted, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to furnish this Board with a copy of an opinion on the Rutland Hospital, which he is said to have given the Pauper Institutions Trustees recently.

The monthly report of the Temporary Home was read by Mrs. Wolcott. Accepted and placed on file.

The monthly report of the Lodge and Woodyard was read by Mr. Fowler. Accepted and placed on file.

The Committee on Building reported that it had been necessary to do some slating on this building and the Home, and to repair the ceilings in the upper part of the buildings where they had been damaged by the leaks in the roof.

Voted, To approve the action of the Committee.

Mr. Sproules, for the same committee, reported the building to be now in good general condition, except the upper hall and Room 51, and requested that the committee be authorized to put these in shape.

Voted, That the Committee on Building be authorized to do what is necessary in Room 51, and the upper hallway, the expense not to exceed \$100.

Voted, That the Committee on Building be requested to consider the expediency of having the fence painted.

Dr. Plummer, for the Medical Committee, reported that Dr. Sprague made thirty-five visits in March. The report was accepted.

Dr. Stuart reported having conferred with the Board of Health with regard to the need of signs for vaccination cases, and was told that the Board would pay for signs needed.

Voted, That the matter be referred to the Committee on Building with full powers.

BENJAMIN PETTEE, Secretary.

Pauper Institutions Department.

28 Court Square, April 2, 1900.

The seventy-second regular meeting of the Board of Pauper Institutions Trustees was held at 28 Court square on Monday, April 2, at 10.30 A.M.

The Chairman brought to the attention of the Board the urgent need of more farmers at Long Island. The matter of the number of farmers employed, and the cost of carrying on the farm, the income from the farm, etc., was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, to report.

Voted, That the question of providing an up-stairs smoking-room at Long Island be referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, to report.

The Chairman of the Committee on Registration and Special Cases reported that Dr. Taylor had suggested that a separate room on the bath-room corridor of the lower wing of the hospital at Long Island might be fitted up for the isolation of noisy patients. The Chairman of the Board suggested that a similar room was also needed in the women's building. This matter was referred to the Committee on Medical Department and Dietary.

Voted, That W. H. Bond and George Pike be employed as assistant farmers at Long Island, at salaries of \$30 each per month, for six months, from April 1 to October 1.

The question of employing two additional farmers was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Two years ago there were twenty-one acres under cultivation, last year there were eighteen acres, and this year the number will be reduced to sixteen acres.

Mr. Hunnewell reported that he had seen Commissioner Russell, of the Boston Fire Department, who had stated that he could not immediately spare an engine for use at Long Island, and was unable to say whether one could be spared within a few days or not. The engine at Deer Island cannot be spared, as that would leave Deer Island practically without protection. If the steamer "John Howard" could remain at the Long Island wharf while the boilers were being moved, an engine would not be necessary. The question was referred to

the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, with power.

The question of increasing the salaries of different employees at Long Island was raised, and was referred to the Committee on Rules and Service.

The Chairman brought to the attention of the Board the number of nurses employed at Long Island, and inaccuracies in the record kept. The matter was referred to the Committee on Medical Department and Dietary. The systematic arrangement of the courses of lectures to be given to nurses was also referred to this committee. A suggestion has been made by a member of the visiting medical staff that these lectures might be arranged by the staff.

The following appointments, at the monthly salaries stated, were confirmed:

John J. Mahoney, assistant engineer, \$35; J. J. Miller, nurse, \$25; W. E. S. Constantine, acting head matron, \$30; Mrs. Helen Clark, matron, \$25; Priscilla McKenzie, head nurse, \$25; Alice B. O'Neil, probationer, \$10; Margaret Queen, probationer, \$10.

A letter from Mr. F. W. Howard, Chief of the Architectural Division of the Engineering Department, was read, submitting plan for new shafting for the laundry at Long Island, also proposals from two contractors for doing the work. This matter was referred to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

The census of inmates for Long Island on March 31 was as follows:

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In Hospital:			
Adults	60	151	211
Children	9	7	16
Women's building	—	192	192
Men's building	235	—	235
Totals	304	350	654

WALTER HUNNEWELL, Secretary.

Street Laying-out Department.

Following is an abstract of the records of recent meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Tuesday, April 3.

An order of notice was issued of the Board's intention to lay out an extension of Trinity place, from Stuart street to Stanhope street.

Petitions were received for a culvert in Dale street and for the laying out of James street.

Monday, April 9.

Petitions were received for the laying out of Wesley park and for a catch-basin in Speedwell street.

A sewer was ordered to be built in Gustine street.

Thursday, April 12.

A hearing was given on petitions before the Board for the laying out of Roseclair street.

An award of \$210 was made to M. A. Mayburg for damages occasioned by the laying out of West Selden street.

Petitions were received for sewers in Beech street, at West Roxbury and in Green street, at Charlestown.

Friday, April 13.

Petitions were received for catch-basins in Albany street, for a sewer in Brunswick

street and for the laying out of Johnson avenue.

Monday, April 16.

For damages occasioned by the laying out of Bennington street awards were made of \$2,700 to J. H. Soliday, of \$4,700 to Bridget O'Shea, and of \$3,500 to the heirs of John H. Sullivan.

Tuesday, April 17.

A public hearing was given in the matter of laying out an extension of Trinity place, from Stuart street to Stanhope street.

Friday, April 20.

Awards were made to M. Colgan for damages occasioned by the relocation of Spring street, \$40; to Moses Williams for damages occasioned by the relocation of Stony brook, \$2,890; and on advice of the Law Department, \$89.82 to Mary C. Bicknell for damages occasioned by the relocation of Stony brook and of \$1,344.85 to Mary C. Bicknell for damages occasioned by the laying out of Millet street.

A petition was received that a culvert under Canterbury street, near Morton street, may be lowered.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Awards of Contracts.

Boston Transit Commission.

The following bids for building Section A of the East Boston tunnel were publicly opened and read at 12 M., Friday, April 20.

Bidders.	Bids.
Jones & Meehan, Boston . . .	\$97,695 00
W. H. Keyes & Co., Boston . . .	94,997 00
C. H. Eglee Company, Boston . . .	87,869 00
United Engineering and Contracting Company, New York . . .	84,404 00
H. A. Hanscom & Co., Boston, . .	83,797 00
National Contracting Company, New York	77,836 50

The contract was awarded to the National Contracting Company.

B. LEIGHTON BEAL, Secretary.

Engineering Department.

Proposals for building concrete flooring and curbing for the bridge on Summer street, over C street, were opened at the office of the City Engineer on April 23, 1900, as follows:

Bidders.	Bids.
John B. Graham	\$3,344 00
Jones & Meehan	3,828 00
Coughlan & Ryan	4,200 00
W. A. Murtfeldt Company	4,295 00
Warren Brothers Company	4,540 00
H. Gore & Co.	4,995 00
Taylor, Carr & Andrews	7,067 00
Daniel E. Lynch	10,532 12

The contract was awarded to John B. Graham.

WILLIAM JACKSON, City Engineer.

Hospital Department.

The contract for supplying the Hospital Department with 1,500 tons of coal, to be delivered alongside of the coal-pocket at the

City Hospital, was awarded on April 9, as follows, but one proposal being received:

Bidder.	Bid.
E. B. Townsend—	
Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company's:	
Hard W. A. egg	\$4 15
Free W. A. egg	4 05
Lehigh Valley Coal Company's:	
Packer egg	4 05
Stickney, Conyngham & Co.'s:	
Susquehanna egg	4 05

The contract was awarded to E. B. Townsend for Packer egg coal.

G. H. M. ROWE, Superintendent.

IMMIGRATION DURING MARCH.

The report of George B. Billings, United States Immigration Commissioner, makes the following showing in respect to alien immigrants arriving at the Port of Boston from trans-Atlantic ports during the month ending March 31, 1900:

RACE.	Total.	SEX.	
		Males.	Females.
English	33	21	12
Finnish	64	47	17
French	2	2	—
German	2	1	1
Hebrew	13	9	4
Irish	82	66	16
Italian (Southern)	3	3	—
Polish	4	4	—
Russian	5	5	—
Scandinavian	87	69	18
Scotch	3	3	—
Spanish	6	6	—
Welsh	1	1	—
Total	305	237	68
Tourists or passengers en route	8	—	—
Total immigration for March, 1900	313	—	—

DESTINATION OF IMMIGRANTS.—STATES AND TERRITORIES.

North Atlantic Division—	
New Hampshire	5
Massachusetts	166
Rhode Island	9
Connecticut	4
New York	20
New Jersey	1
Pennsylvania	7
Total	212
South Atlantic Division—	
Maryland	3
Total	3
North Central Division—	
Ohio	6
Illinois	28
Michigan	21
Wisconsin	3
Minnesota	4
Iowa	3
Missouri	2
North Dakota	6
South Dakota	1
Nebraska	9
Total	83

South Central Division—

Mississippi	1
Texas	1
Total	2
Western Division—	
Colorado	3
Washington	2
Total	5

RECAPITULATION.

North Atlantic Division	212
South Atlantic Division	3
North Central Division	83
South Central Division	2
Western Division	5
Total	305

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending April 21, 1900, are as follows:

Death rate for the week	21.2
Death rate for corresponding week, 1899, 20.2	
Number of deaths:	
Males	123
Females	103
Total	226
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1899	211
Increase	15

Of the 226 decedents, 222 were white and 4 colored; 133 were born in the United States, 92 in foreign countries and the birthplace of 1 was unknown; 43 were of American parentage, 145 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 38 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	56	8
Scarlatina	29	3
Typhoid fever	6	1
Measles	113	1
Totals	204	13

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	20
Pneumonia	38
Whooping cough	3
Heart disease	23
Bronchitis	16
Marasmus	5
Violent causes	7
Total from principal causes	112
Total from infectious diseases	13
Total from other causes	101
Total from all causes	226

Deaths of children under 1 year	43
Deaths of children under 5 years	68
Deaths of persons over 60 years	53
Deaths in public institutions	62

POLICE COMMISSIONER.

At a meeting of the Governor's Council, held on Wednesday, April 25, 1900, Governor Crane nominated Mr. Charles P. Curtis, jr., for re-appointment as a member of the Board of Police of Boston, for the term of five years ending in 1905.

DEATH OF PATROLMAN ROBINSON.

The death of Patrolman Isaiah S. Robinson, of the City Hall avenue station, occurred Sunday, April 22, 1900, at his home, 46 Poplar street.

Mr. Robinson was born at Gilmanton, N. H., in 1836, and was appointed on the police force of Boston May 29, 1872. For a number of years he had done night duty at City Hall. Until several months ago, when he was first taken ill, Patrolman Robinson had not missed a roll-call during his entire twenty-seven years' service in the Department.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM E. SHELDON.

The death of Mr. William E. Sheldon, widely known as an educator, occurred suddenly at his Boston office on Monday, April 16, 1900.

Mr. Sheldon was born at Dorset, Vt., and was about sixty-eight years of age. In 1864 he was appointed master of the Hancock School of Boston, where he remained until January, 1867. He also taught in Richmond, Va., Abington and West Newton.

Of late years Mr. Sheldon had been engaged in journalistic work as the manager of the "New England Journal of Education" and as associate editor of the "American Primary Teacher." He also had held various positions of responsibility in educational organizations.

Advertisements.**CITY OF BOSTON.****PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT.****FOR SALE.**

All the stock of the Repairs Division, consisting of Kiln Dried Pine, Cypress, Whitewood and N. C. Pine, Steam Fitters' and Plumbers' Tools and Supplies, Roofers' Tools, Painters' Staging and Paints. Apply at shops, 8 Plympton street.

CITY OF BOSTON.**STREET DEPARTMENT.****NOTICE TO HOUSEKEEPERS AND TENANTS.**

City Hall, Boston, 1900.

Housekeepers and other occupants of dwellings are requested to place their house and cellar dirt and sweepings in the streets opposite their premises between the hours of sunrise and 2 o'clock P. M. of the following days:

Monday, April 30; Tuesday, May 1; Wednesday, May 2; Thursday, May 3; Friday, May 4, when they will be removed by the city carts. After which time no person will be allowed to place any dirt, ashes, filth or rubbish of any kind whatever, in any of the ways, streets or places of the city, without a permit from the Superintendent of Streets. Dirt of any kind not to be placed in the streets on Saturday.

B. T. WHEELER, Superintendent of Streets.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

On and after the above-named days, ashes, etc., in order to be removed by city carts, must be placed in receptacles not larger than an ordinary flour barrel, and in the district north of Massachusetts avenue, all combustible waste, such as paper, rags, etc., must be tied in bundles or placed in receptacles not larger than an ordinary flour barrel, and separated from the ashes, and placed in a position on a level with the grade of the adjoining sidewalk.

Vault filth, offal, bricks and mortar, gravel and earth, garden, rakings and shrubbery are not included in the above, and will not be removed by the city if placed in the streets.

Advertisements.**CITY OF BOSTON.****BOARD OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.**

Boston, April 27, 1900.

The Board of Street Commissioners hereby give notice that they will give a public hearing in Room 25, in the Old Court House, on Friday, May 4, 1900, at 11.30 o'clock A. M., as to changes in the locations, directions, widths and grades for the highways in the territory shown on plan numbered X 23, made by the Board of Survey, and filed January 3, 1894, in the office of the City Surveyor in City Hall; said territory is located in that part of Boston formerly Dorchester, upon School street, from Washington street to Athelwold street.

JOHN P. DORE,
SALEM D. CHARLES,
EDWARD W. PRESNO,
Board of Street Commissioners.

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JOHN P. DORE,
SALEM D. CHARLES,
EDWARD W. PRESNO,
Board of Street Commissioners.

NOTICE.

Boston, April 13, 1900.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts respectfully petitions the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, Massachusetts, for a location for its poles and wires thereon, in the following-named streets and highways of said city. A plan of locations granted is filed.

Said company agrees to reserve space at the top of all the above poles for telephone, fire-alarm and police signal wires, owned by the city and used for municipal purposes. Said poles to be erected under the supervision of such officers as said city may designate.

Following are the streets and highways above referred to:

Weld street, between Maple street and Willow street, Ward 23.

Blue Hill avenue, near Harvard street and Talbot avenue, Ward 24.

Trumbull street, between Newland and Ivanhoe streets, Ward 12.

Trumbull street, corner of Ivanhoe street, Ward 12.

Corner of Trumbull and Newland streets, Ward 12.

Fabin street, between Newland and Ivanhoe streets, Ward 12.

Corner of Newland and Fabin streets, Ward 12.

Ivanhoe street, opposite Fabin street, Ward 12.

St. Paul street, near Falmouth street, Ward 10.

Mayfair street, between Balubridge and Elmore streets, Ward 21.

Corner of Bainbridge and Mayfair streets, Ward 21.

Monadnock street, near Dudley street, Ward 16.

Coolidge street, near North Harvard street, Ward 25.

Also to remove poles from Blue Hill avenue near Harvard street and Talbot avenue, Ward 24.

Bainbridge street, near Mayfair street, Ward 21, one pole.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company of Massachusetts,

By JASPER N. KELLER, General Manager.

CITY OF BOSTON.**IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

April 23, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, It is hereby Ordered, That due notice be given by the petitioner to all parties interested that this Board will, on Monday, the thirtieth day of April, at 3 o'clock P. M., take into consideration the expediency of granting the prayer of the above petition, when any parties who object thereto may appear and be heard. Said notice is to be given by publication of a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Boston Globe, Roxbury Gazette, Dorchester Beacon, Brighton Item, Boston Traveler, Boston Post, Boston Journal, Jamaica Plain News and THE CITY RECORD.

Passed.
A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

Advertisements.**CITY OF BOSTON.****STREET DEPARTMENT.**

Boston, April 23, 1900.

The Street Department of the City of Boston invites proposals for building sewerage works in Gardner street, West Roxbury district, Boston, Mass., according to the office copy of the contract and plans, which may be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Streets, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

The bidder must use the form to be obtained at said office, furnish a bond for faithfully doing the work, and leave at said office, on or before 12 M. of Monday, April 30, 1900, his bid and a certified check for \$1,000, which is to be the property of the city if the contractor fails to carry out his proposal.

The proposals will be publicly opened and read at the above-named time and place, and the undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to accept any proposal he deems best for the city, and notifies all bidders that the proposal of a bidder who will pay the full trade union scale of wages to his employees may be accepted in preference to a bidder who will pay a lower scale of wages.

B. T. WHEELER, Superintendent of Streets.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 16, 1900.

The undersigned request permission to project from building No. 537 East Seventh street, Ward 15, two bay-windows of the following description: To project from second and third stories over East Seventh street. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, eight feet wide, and three feet over line of street.

H. S. & E. H. CLARK.

CITY OF BOSTON.**IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

April 16, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Board will, on Monday, the thirtieth day of April, at 3 o'clock P. M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto, may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the South Boston Inquirer and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.
A true copy. EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.
Attest: EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 23, 1900.

The undersigned requests permission to project from buildings Nos. 4, 6, 8, 10 Comins terrace, Ward 21, two bay-windows, of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Comins terrace. Dimensions: Each twenty feet high, thirteen feet wide, and two and a half feet over line of street.

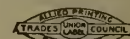
HENRY J. WRIGHT.

CITY OF BOSTON.**IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.**

April 23, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the seventh day of May, at 3 o'clock P. M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto, may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Roxbury Gazette and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof, to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

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EDITED UNDER DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF MUNICIPAL STATISTICS,

EDWARD M. HARTWELL, SECRETARY.

Room 71, City Hall,

TO WHOM ALL MATTER FOR PUBLICATION SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED.

Any copies of THE CITY RECORD in excess of those required for the use of the departments will be on sale at the office of the City Messenger, Room 26, City Hall, at the price of five cents each; and arrangements will be made by which any citizen desiring to have a copy regularly sent to him, out of such extra number, can do so by making payment therefor to the City Messenger, at the rate of two dollars a year, provided that the number of such excess copies is sufficient to supply such subscriptions, which will be filled in the order in which they are received.

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The number of pages of THE CITY RECORD will vary from week to week, according to the amount of matter to be inserted, but it is expected that the average number of pages will be eight.

The rate for advertisements of the departments and other legal notices will be twelve and one-half cents a line.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Board of Aldermen, at its meeting on Monday, April 30, 1900, voted to confirm the following appointments made by the Mayor:

Lyde W. Benjamin, George H. Hamlin, Robert McLeish and Morris F. Lewenberg to be Constables for the term of one year beginning May 1, 1900.

MAYOR'S CIRCULAR.

The following circular has been issued by the Mayor:

Circular 4.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 25 April, 1900.

TO THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS:

Pursuant to the City Council request, to "direct the heads of the several Departments to allow a half-holiday, without loss of pay, on Saturdays between the first day of May and the first day of November to all city employees whose services can be dispensed with," executive departments are

hereby authorized to give employees whose services can be dispensed with such half-holiday, in part compensation for their services. Employees whose services cannot be dispensed with on Saturday afternoons are not to be allowed extra pay.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

MAYOR HART'S ADDRESS TO THE ASSESSORS.

Following is the address of Mayor Hart to the assessors who entered upon their work May 1, 1900:

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN: We come together this morning for the organization of perhaps the most important department of the City of Boston. I have been told by a good many men who operate in real estate that certain portions of Boston are not fairly assessed. There has been a great improvement in the real estate market in certain sections, and it will be your duty to find out the exact value of the real estate in all parts of Boston.

You understand very well where those improvements are coming largely, and there is no reason in the world why an estate which is assessed for \$87,000 should sell for \$170,000. It is either wrong at one end or the other; and, in my judgment, it is wrong at this end. I believe it is because you have not got the values right, and that you must revise the entire list of your assessments in every ward in the city.

Don't be in a hurry; make up your minds; find out what the property is worth, and deal fairly with the whole people. I have found in attempting to make settlements where there have been new streets laid out, that where the land has been assessed at from 10 to 25 cents per foot, the settlements cannot be made often for less than \$1 to \$2 per foot; and when they go to the courts they get about those prices.

Now, if those are fair values, it is a fair thing that the city should receive the benefit of those values; not that I believe in increasing property beyond its real value, but under your oaths, you are bound to assess it at fair market value.

Now, there has been a great deal said about illegal assessment of voters and illegal registration. You gentlemen here ought to know how to get at the legal voters of Boston. If you go to a house which has the appearance of having two or three men in it, and you are handed a list of a dozen names, even if you put those names down at the

time, it is your duty to go into the house and find out whether the people live there or not; and you will be held accountable for doing that.

I have but very little more to say. Go on and do your duty, as you would have it done to you, not only in assessing property, but in assessing polls.

APPOINTMENT OF UNDERTAKERS.

Following is a list of undertakers appointed by the Board of Health on April 20, 1900, for the term of one year ending April 30, 1901, in accordance with Public Statutes 1890, Chapter 210, Section 1:

Abrams, Barnett, 4 Williams-street terrace, Roxbury.

Alexander, Alexis, 100 Wayland street, Dorchester.

Alexander, J. H., 610 Fifth street, South Boston.

Avdon, Michael, 67 Salem street.

Badaracco, Andrew A., 11 North Bennet street.

Balfe, Thomas J., 258 Broadway, South Boston.

Banks, Walden, 170 Cambridge street.

Barry, Michael, 371 Harrison avenue.

Belgard, Philip, 15 Arnold street, Roxbury.

Bernstein, Morris H., 26 Parmenter street.

Brady, Patrick J., 177 Green street, Jamaica Plain.

Briggs, Frederick L., 20 Howard street.

Brown, Edward G., 232 Meridian street, East Boston.

Brown, Frank E., 252 Meridian street, East Boston.

Bryant, Charles A., 2 Woodstock avenue, Brighton.

Bryant, John E., 15 Austin street, Charlestown.

Bryant, T. Weston, 15 Austin street, Charlestown.

Burke, Edmund C., opposite Jamaica Plain Station.

Burke, John B., 75 Chambers street.

Callahan, Timothy F., 52 Warren street, Charlestown.

Cangiano, Michael, 212 North street.

Caro, Solomon M., 19 Catawba street, Roxbury.

Carpenter, George S., 251 Tremont street.

Cassey, Francis P., 56 Warren street, Roxbury.

Cassidy, William J., 120 Harrison avenue.

Chester, Charles E., Trinity Church.

Clark, William C., Long Island.

Cleary, J. P., 5 Pynchon street, Roxbury.

Cobb, Charles W., 99 Main street, Charlestown.

Cobb, Frank L., 97 Hyde Park avenue, Jamaica Plain.
 Cobe, William, 18 Worthington street, Roxbury.
 Colbert, Charles E., 144 Harrison avenue.
 Cole, Harry H., 9 Hancock street, Dorchester.
 Connell, Austin H., 815 Albany street, Roxbury.
 Cosmo, M. J., 12 Battery street.
 Crane, F. E., 565 Tremont street.
 Crane, Horace R., 25 Walnut street and 1859 Dorchester avenue, Dorchester.
 Crogan, James P., 87 Chelsea street, Charlestown.
 Crosby, Elizabeth A., 10 Warren street, Roxbury.
 Crosby, Joseph P., 100 Hampden street, Roxbury.
 Curtis, David H., 297 Dudley street.
 Dacey, C. M., 82 Main street, Charlestown.
 Dolan, Charles B., Dorchester avenue, corner Richmond street.
 Dolan, James W., 1380 Dorchester avenue, Dorchester.
 Dooley, David J., 147 London street, East Boston.
 Doolin, John, 211 Third street and 245 Dorchester street, South Boston.
 Doyle, Thomas, 2212 Washington street, Roxbury.
 Eastman, Alman L., 251 Tremont street.
 Fallon, John D., 736 Centre street, Jamaica Plain.
 Farrell, Michael A., 1336 Tremont street.
 Feeley, Thomas, 128 Freeport street, Dorchester.
 Feeney, John, 364 Hanover street.
 Field, George P., 214 Dorchester street, South Boston.
 Field, George V., 214 Dorchester street, South Boston.
 Fitzgibbon, Edward D., 1345 Dorchester avenue, Dorchester.
 Flax, Harris, 3½ Barton street.
 Gallivan, Joseph C., 204 Broadway, South Boston.
 Gilmore, Edward J., 1455 Tremont street, Boston.
 Gleason, E. F., 345 Washington street, Dorchester.
 Gleason, R., 345 Washington street, Dorchester.
 Guggenheim, Joseph, 111 West Brookline street.
 Haynes, John O., sexton, Emmanuel Church, Newbury street.
 Hill, George, South street, Roslindale.
 Hogue, Alphonse, 10 Isabella street.
 Hutchins, Basil, 726 Shawmut avenue.
 Jacobovitz, Myer, Centre street, West Roxbury.
 Jacobs, Louis, 110 Pleasant street.
 Jones, Lewis L., 50 LaGrange street.
 Keating, Thomas J., 322 Bunker Hill street, Charlestown.
 Kelly, Bernard, 310 Bowdoin street, Dorchester.
 Kelly, Michael J., 37 Maverick square, East Boston.
 Lane, Thomas J., 120 Havre street, East Boston.
 Langone, Joseph A., 218 North street.
 Lavery, Frank W., 54 A street, South Boston.
 Lavery, John W., 54 A street, South Boston.
 Leary, Lewis W., 146 Broadway, South Boston.

Linnehan, C. P., 98 Kneeland street.
 Lippa, William, 19 Stillman street.
 Maloney, Frank S., 123 Maverick street, East Boston.
 Mann, Lewis A., 145 Dudley street, Roxbury.
 Mannheimer, Herman, 1623 Washington street.
 Marsh, W. W., 475 Cambridge street, Brighton.
 McCaffrey, Christopher P., 75 Albany street.
 McCaffrey, John, 75 Albany street.
 McCartney, Timothy, 328 Bunker Hill street, Charlestown.
 McCugh, Hugh, 4278 Washington street, Roslindale.
 McMackin, Bernard, 80 Bunker Hill street, Charlestown.
 Metcalf, Eugene H., 24 Franklin street, Allston.
 Mitchell, M. J., 324 Bunker Hill street, Charlestown.
 Morris, Jerome S., 165 London street, East Boston.
 Morris, John J., corner London and Porter streets, East Boston.
 Morris, Lawrence F., corner London and Porter streets, East Boston.
 Muldoon, Joseph L., Market street, Brighton.
 Mullen, James, 84 Charlestown street.
 Mullen, M. J., 650 Broadway, South Boston.
 Mullen, Patrick H., 650 Broadway, South Boston.
 Mnrdock James E., 2048 Washington street.
 Murphy, Michael J., 428 Hanover street.
 Murray, E. A., 29 Thacher street.
 Nolan, John E., 380 Broadway, South Boston.
 O'Donnell, James F., 204 Broadway, South Boston.
 Peak, John H., 1374 Washington street.
 Peak, John H., jr., 1374 Washington street.
 Peyser, Jacob, 39 Hammond street.
 Raftery, Patrick H., 60 Chambers street.
 Raftery, Thomas E., 1034 Tremont street, Roxbury.
 Reade, George E., 263 Dover street.
 Reade, Vincent de P., 187 Main street, Charlestown.
 Reade, Vincent de P., jr., 187 Main street, Charlestown.
 Regan, Martin, 1032 Tremont street, Roxbury.
 Ring, Timothy F., 205 D street, South Boston.
 Roach, Edward E., 191 Pyncheon street, Roxbury.
 Roeder, John R., Henshaw street, Brighton.
 Roles, Roswell, 730 Shawmut avenue, Roxbury.
 Ruemker, Frank H., 296 Roxbury street.
 Silverstein, Myer L., 238 Hanover street.
 Slyne, William F., 249 Dorchester street.
 Spencer, W. F., 204 Broadway, South Boston.
 Sprague, John W., 120 Meridian street, East Boston.
 Stanetsky, Jacob, 13 Wiget street.
 Stokes, Waldo J., Park street, West Roxbury.
 Sullivan, J. F., 358 Market street, Brighton.
 Sullivan, Samuel J., 545 Harrison avenue.

Sullivan, T. J., 332 Broadway, South Boston.
 Tinkham, Charles F., 20 Howard street.
 Tinkham, Jeremiah, 20 Howard street.
 Tondorf, Joseph B., 129 Shawmut avenue.
 Vinal, Frederick, Deer Island.
 Walsh, John, 91 Chelsea street, Charlestown.
 Waterman, Frank S., 2326 Washington street, Roxbury.
 Waterman, George H., 2326 Washington street, Roxbury.
 Watson, Bernard L., 52 Warren street, Roxbury.
 White, H. M., 728 Dudley street, Roxbury.
 Willard, George A., 110 Dorchester street, South Boston.
 Williams, N. M., 1386 Washington street.
 Williamsou, Joseph, 29 Vernon street, Roxbury.
 Wittenburg, Solomon, 66 Salem street.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, on Tuesday, April 24, 1900, at 7.30 P.M., President Gallivan in the chair.

The appointments and confirmation of instructors, as presented at the last meeting, were approved.

The following orders, laid over under the rule at the last meeting, were read and successively passed:

(1.) That there be paid to Michael J. Crowley the sum of \$14.50 for extra services rendered as janitor of the Franklin Evening School during the term 1899-1900.

(2.) That there be paid to Patrick N. Connolly the sum of \$55.05 for extra services rendered as janitor of the Eliot Evening School during the term 1899-1900.

(3.) That the salary of the janitress of the Canterbury-street School be fixed at the rate of \$240 per annum, to date from March 1, 1900, until otherwise ordered.

(4.) That Leanora E. Taft, assistant, grammar school in the Phillips district, be placed upon the maximum salary of her rank, to date from April 1, 1900.

(5.) That Florence M. Glover, assistant, grammar school in the Chapman district, be placed upon the maximum salary of her rank, to date from April 1, 1900.

(6.) That Minnie E. Price, assistant, primary school in the Roger Clap district, be placed upon the maximum salary of her rank, to date from May 1, 1900.

(7.) That there be paid to William N. Carr the sum of \$180 for services rendered as acting janitor of the Parkman School, from January 1 to March 31, 1900.

(8.) That there be paid to Patrick T. Devney the sum of \$4 for services rendered as janitor of the Parkman School December 29 and December 30, 1899.

The following orders took their second reading and were passed:

(1.) That the Rules be amended as follows:

Section 47. Add the following paragraph to the section:

"Shall decide the award of medals and prizes," so that the section will read as follows:

Section 47. The Committee on High Schools;

1. Shall have the general supervision and visitation of the High Schools, including the subject of military drill.

2. Shall decide the award of medals and prizes.

(2.) That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Section 210. Add the following to the section as a separate paragraph:

The Superintendent may require the afternoon sessions of grammar or primary schools in certain designated rooms to be held from 1.30 o'clock to 3.30 o'clock, whenever, in his judgment, the said rooms are so ill-lighted as to make such a change of hours desirable.

(3.) That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Section 211. Strike out all following the word "o'clock" in the sixth line, and substitute in place thereof the following: "and the primary and grammar schools shall be dismissed at 12 o'clock," so that the section will read as follows:

Section 211. When the schools are to be suspended for the afternoon on account of stormy weather, the Superintendent shall cause three single strikes, 1-1-1, with twenty seconds intermission between each, to be struck and repeated by the fire-alarm telegraph at 11.45 o'clock; and the primary and grammar schools shall be dismissed at 12 M.

(4.) That the Regulations be amended as follows:

Section 215. Add the following words to the section: "But no teacher shall be allowed to seat pupils in the class-room according to rank in scholarship, or in conduct, or in both," so that the section will read as follows:

Section 215. In every school shall be kept a register, in which shall be recorded the names, ages, dates of admission and places of residence of the pupils; and in addition to this, other records shall be kept of the absence and tardiness of the pupils, and of their class exercises, which shall show their advancement and standing; but no teacher shall be allowed to seat pupils in the class-room according to rank in scholarship, or in conduct, or in both.

The resignation of Hartvig Nissen, assistant to the Director of Physical Training, was read by the Secretary and accepted.

The appointments of three special assistants were laid over, under the rule, and the appointment of one temporary teacher was placed on file; the reappointments of four temporary teachers were laid over under the rule, and the appointments of seven teachers on probation were laid on the table.

The confirmation of the appointments of three teachers was laid over under the rule.

Leaves of absence were granted to thirteen teachers.

The appointments of two temporary teachers and the reappointments of five temporary teachers were approved under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Merritt, for the Committee on New Buildings, offered the following order:

That the Committee on New Buildings are hereby authorized, provided the required assent of the Mayor be first obtained, to execute a contract with John Quinn in the sum of \$2,817 for interior fittings in the Mechanic Arts High School-house, without advertising for competitive bids.

Passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. McDonough, for the Committee on Accounts, to whom was referred, April 10, an order to the effect that an expenditure not exceeding \$175 be allowed for the expenses of the head master of the normal school in visiting various normal schools, reported that they have considered the matter and recommend the passage of the following order:

That an expenditure not exceeding \$175 be allowed for the expenses of the head master of the Normal School, in visiting various normal schools within the State and elsewhere.

Accepted, and the order passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. McDonough, for the same committee offered the following:

Ordered, That the amount paid by Mrs. Agnes Robinson, of Revere, Mass., for tuition from January 1 to February 1, 1900, of Ralph B. Robinson, a non-resident pupil in the Latin School, viz.: \$8.52, be abated, said pupil having left the school January 1, 1900.

Passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. McDonough, for the same committee, offered the following:

Ordered, That the amount due Henrietta G. Bonner, deceased, late special assistant in the Mary Hemenway district, be paid to her mother, Ellen T. Bonner.

Passed under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Anderson, for the Special Committee appointed March 27, to consider and report upon the question of approving the appointment by the Superintendent of Schools, of W. Allen Sylvester, as a teacher of Manual Training, submitted a report recommending that the appointment be approved.

The Board refused to approve the appointment—yeas, 10; nays, 11; absent, 3.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to extend Dighton place, in the Brighton district, through to Chestnut Hill avenue.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, it was

Ordered, That the annual parade of the Boston School Cadets take place on Friday, May 11, 1900, and that the annual prize drills take place on May 22, 23, 24 and 25.

Mr. Calderwood, for the Committee on Hygiene and Physical Training, to whom was referred, February 27, a communication from the Boston Society for the Advancement of Physical Education, requesting permission to make a series of measurements of the height and weight of the Boston school children, beginning with the primary grades and continuing through the period of growth, reported the following:

Ordered, That the rules be amended as follows:

Section 43. Add the following paragraph to the section:

4. Shall, during the months of June and October in each year, cause a series of measurements to be taken of the height and weight of all children in the primary grades, which shall be collated and arranged for purposes of study and comparison.

On motion of Mr. Calderwood, the rules were suspended, the order read twice and passed.

Mr. Kenny, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following:

Ordered, That an additional first assistant, primary school, be employed in the Eliot district, to take charge of the Moon-street building.

Passed under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Nichols, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on New Buildings be requested to take immediate steps for the removal of the two-room unoccupied building in the Thomas N. Hart School-house yard.

On motion of Mr. Allen, it was

Ordered, That a special committee of five be appointed by the President of the Board to report suitable candidates for the position of Superintendent and Board of Supervisors.

Subsequently, the Chair, pursuant to the foregoing order, announced the following committee:

Willard S. Allen, Chairman; Messrs. Anderson, Campbell, Merritt and Mrs. Keller.

Mr. McDonough offered the following:

Ordered, That there be paid Beatrice L. Hadcock, for services rendered as teacher in the Lewis district, the sum of \$2 per day for each day of actual service from January 2 to May 15, 1900, inclusive.

Passed under a suspension of the rules.

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that an examination for the grade of cadet, revenue cutter service, will be held by the Board of Examiners in this city on May 17, 18 and 19, 1900.

Under the regulations of the Treasury Department applicants for this branch of the service must be not less than eighteen, nor more than twenty-five years of age, of vigorous constitution, physically sound and well formed, not less than five feet three inches in height, of good moral character and unmarried.

The Commission also announces that on May 15 an examination will be held for the position of statistical field agent in the service of the Fish Commission.

The age limit is twenty years or over. Information relative to the scope of this examination may be found in Section 85 of the Manual of Examinations, revised to January 1, 1900.

Blank application forms can be obtained of E. E. Stebbins, Secretary Board of Examiners, Room 141, Post Office building, Boston, Mass., or of the Commission at Washington.

BOSTON'S REPRESENTATIVE IN THE CONGRESS OF CHARITIES.

Mayor Hart announced on May 1, 1900, the appointment of Mrs. Roger Wolcott, as representative of the City of Boston at the International Congress of Charities at Paris this summer. Mrs. Wolcott is a member of the Board of Overseers of the Poor.

Messages from the Mayor.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

A regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, at 3 P.M., on Monday, April 30, 1900, Chairman O'Brien presiding and all the members present.

The following messages from the Mayor were received:

Interest on Taxes.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 30 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: Owing to Chap. 168, Stat. of 1900, a slight amendment of the annual appropriation order, passed on the twentieth of April, is desirable.

Such an order, drawn by the Law Department, and explained by the Corporation Counsel, is sent herewith, together with copies of the order passed and the statutes affecting the order. No good reason appears why the amendment should not pass.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

Copy of order, as contained in appropriation orders, approved April 20, 1900 (see THE CITY RECORD, No. 16, pages 247-248):

Ordered, That all taxes raised to meet the appropriations of the City Council, and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the State tax of the year 1900, or of any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, be due and payable on the first day of October, 1900; that all such taxes paid after the first day of November, 1900, bear interest from and including said day until paid, at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum up to the first day of January, 1901, and at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum after and including said first day of January, except that taxes assessed upon shares of stock of national banks shall bear interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum from and including said first day of November until paid; and that all interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be a part of such taxes.

Copy of Chapter 168, Acts of 1900:

An Act relative to the Rate of Interest on Overdue Taxes.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Section 67 of Chapter 11 of the Public Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Section 67. When a city or town has fixed a time within which taxes assessed therein shall be paid, such city by its City Council, may vote that on all taxes remaining unpaid after a certain time interest shall be paid at a specified rate, not exceeding six per cent. per annum; and the interest accruing under such vote or votes shall be added to and be a part of such taxes."

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage, but shall not apply to taxes assessed before it takes effect. (Approved.)

LAW DEPARTMENT,

73 Tremont Street, April 30, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In reply to your communication asking:

(1.) "Whether the Statutes of 1900, Chapter 168, supersedes that part of the appropriation order for 1900, approved twentieth of April, which establishes 7 per cent. interest on taxes for 1900 not paid within the calendar year."

(2.) "Whether the statute quoted supersedes the rate of interest fixed by Public Statutes, Chapter 13, Section 9."

I have to say that Chapter 168 of 1900 deals only with Section 67 of Chapter 11 of the Public Statutes, and does not in any manner affect Section 9 of Chapter 13; but I am of the opinion that the order in the "Appropriation and Tax Order for the Financial year 1900-1901" should be changed, and I therefore recommend that the City Council pass the enclosed order.

Respectfully,

ANDREW J. BAILEY,

Corporation Counsel.

Ordered, That the fifth order in the "Appropriation and Tax Orders for the Financial Year 1900-1901," providing for interest on taxes unpaid on November 1, 1900, is hereby rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

Ordered, That all taxes raised to meet the appropriations of the City Council, and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the State tax of the year 1900, or any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, be due and payable on the first day of October, 1900; that all such taxes paid after the first day of November, 1900, bear interest from and including said day until paid at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, except the taxes assessed upon shares of stock of national banks shall bear interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum from and including said first day of November until paid. All interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be a part of such taxes.

The message and order were referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

Veto—Sign at 384 Boylston Street.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 24 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

GENTLEMEN: The enclosed vote of your Board, granting permission to Bilafsky & Lord to project a sign at 384 Boylston street, Ward 11, is returned herewith without my signature. The sketch accompanying the petition shows that it is proposed to project the sign three and one-half feet from the building, which would conflict with Stat. 1895, Chap. 352.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

The vote whereby permission was granted was reconsidered and the question came on granting permission, the objections of the Mayor to the contrary notwithstanding. The

Board refused to grant permission — yeas, 0; nays, 11, and the Mayor's veto was sustained.

Appointments by the Mayor.

Communications were received from the Mayor, making the following appointments, subject to confirmation by the Board, viz.:

(1.) Albert W. Grant (807 Parker street, Ward 19) a Weigher of Coal for the term ending 30 April, 1901.

(2.) Henry Ehrlich (553 Columbus avenue) a Bath Trustee for the term ending 30 April, 1905.

(3.) Sidney B. Keene (Hay Shed No. 2, Rutherford avenue) and Joseph Rourke (41 Lancaster street), to be Inspectors of Pressed or Bundled Hay and Straw for the term ending 30 April, 1901.

(4.) James M. McLaughlin (56 Bowdoin street, Ward 20) to be a Music Trustee for the term ending 30 April, 1905.

(5.) Louie Baer (7 Columbus square) a Music Trustee for the term ending 30 April, 1903, to fill a vacancy.*

(6.) Nathaniel O. Long (113 Moreland street) a Weigher of Coal and Measurer of Wood and Bark for the term ending 30 April, 1901.

Severally laid over under the law.

* Caused by the resignation of Carl Zerrahan, 4 April, 1899.

TO THE COMMON COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, April 26, 1900, at 7.45 P.M., President Kiley in the chair.

The following messages from the Mayor were read:

Trees and Shrubbery, Fellows-street Playground.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 24 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Park Commissioners in answer to your order asking when they intend to plant trees and shrubbery in the Fellows-street playground, Ward 17, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

PARK DEPARTMENT,

Jamaica Plain, April 20, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: We duly received the enclosed order of the Common Council, requesting information as to the planting of trees and shrubbery at the Fellows-street playground.

The planting has been arranged for in regular course and will be completed shortly.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Erection of Benches on Ward 4 Playground.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 24 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Park Commissioners in reference to your order requesting them to place benches on the Ward 4 playground, for the benefit of the baseball players, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

PARK DEPARTMENT,

Jamaica Plain, April 20, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: We duly received the enclosed order of the Common Council, requesting the erection of benches on the playground at Ward 4, and we have given orders to have the same placed there.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Changes in Running Track on Wood Island Park.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 25 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: Enclosed herewith is a communication from the Park Commissioners, in answer to your order requesting them "to cause the outside of the turns of the bicycle track in Wood Island Park to be raised four feet higher, for the safety of riders on said track."

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

PARK DEPARTMENT,

Jamaica Plain, April 24, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: We duly received the enclosed order of the Common Council, requesting that the running track at Wood Island Park be raised four feet at the ends to adapt it for bicycle racing.

The matter was referred to our Superintendent, who has taken the judgment of our athletic instructor at the Park and has also consulted an expert in the construction and management of fast tracks, and we are of the opinion that the track, if made as requested, would not be a safe one. The estimate of our engineer is that the cost would be \$1,725, for which we have no available funds.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Columbia Road Bridge.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 24 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: Enclosed herewith is a communication from the Superintendent of Streets in answer to your order asking what progress has been made in regard to the bridge on Columbia road, under the tracks of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, April 18, 1900.

TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

Replying to the order of the Honorable the Common Council, "that the Street Commissioners be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to report what progress has been made with the engineers of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad in regard to the construction of the bridge under their railroad on Columbia road, Ward 20," I respectfully submit that an agreement was entered into on the twenty-ninth day of March, 1900, between the City of Boston and the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company for the construction of said bridge, and I am informed that work will be commenced as soon as plans are completed, and the usual preliminary arrangements are made.

Respectfully submitted,

B. T. WHEELER,

Superintendent of Streets.

Placed on file.

Cost of Paving West Broadway, Ward 13.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 24 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Superintendent of Streets, in answer to your request for an estimate of the cost of paving West Broadway, South Boston, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

STREET DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, April 21, 1900.

TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR.

In accordance with request contained in enclosed order of the Common Council, I beg to report that the estimated cost of paving West Broadway, Ward 13, from Dorchester avenue to the bridge over the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, with granite blocks, and regulating, is \$5,600.

This does not include the portion of the street occupied by the tracks of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, the paving of which would have to be paid for by this

company, nor the portion of the street at A street now paved with asphalt.

Respectfully submitted,

B. T. WHEELER,

Superintendent of Streets.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Offices Hired by the City of Boston.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 24 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: Enclosed herewith is a communication from the City Auditor submitting a list of the offices hired by the City of Boston, as requested by your order of 12 April, together with the amounts paid for said offices.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

AUDITING DEPARTMENT,

City Hall, April 18, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: In compliance with the order of the Common Council, dated April 12, 1900, I herewith submit a list of offices hired by the City of Boston, together with the rents paid for the same.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES H. DODGE, City Auditor.

Offices hired by the City of Boston and rents paid for the same:

Tremont Building:	
Court of Registration	\$2,900
Other offices for Law and Street Departments	9,914
37 Pemberton square, Police Department	* 6,000
29 and 35 Pemberton square, Police Department	6,800
62 and 64 Pemberton square, Bath, Music and Park Departments	* 2,000
994 Washington street, Inspector of Milk	1,100
Sudbury Building, Laboratory for Health Department	1,025
20 Beacon street, Boston Transit Commission	3,000
Tremont and Hollis streets, School-house Agent	1,000
Total	\$33,739

Ordered printed and assigned for a week.

*And taxes.

Reconstruction of Buildings, Rainsford Island.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 25 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Trustees for Children, in answer to your order asking if arrangements have been made for the reconstruction of the buildings destroyed by the recent fire at Rainsford Island, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT,
Boston, April 18, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In reply to the order of the Common Council of April 12, I would say that the Board of Trustees for Children have awarded the contract for the new brick stable at Rainsford Island and for the reconstruction of the main building destroyed by fire to John J. Flynn, contractor, whose bid was the lowest of six, for the sum of \$7,843.

Respectfully yours,

H. A. LAMB, Chairman.

Placed on file.

Number of Men in Fire Department Companies.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 24 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Fire Commissioner, giving the information requested by your order of 12 April as to the number of men assigned to each piece of Fire Department apparatus, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT,

Bristol Street, April 18, 1900.

HIS HONOR THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

SIR: Replying to the request from the Honorable Common Council of April 12, I beg to enclose herewith the morning report of this Department for yesterday, which, I believe, will furnish all the information required; and inasmuch as I am not aware of any shortage in the number of men sufficient to enable the Department to do good work, I am unable to specify the companies wherein such shortage exists, but shall gladly receive any intelligent suggestions on the subject.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

(Accompanying the above was a report giving the number of men present for duty on April 17, with number of sick, etc.)

Referred to the Committee on Fire Department.

Expenditures Chargeable to Loan of \$500,000 for Streets in Dorchester.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 26 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: Enclosed herewith is a table compiled from reports made by the Street Commissioners and Superintendent of Streets, giving the liabilities incurred against the loan appropriation of \$500,000, provided by Stat. 1899, Chap. 443, for laying out and constructing streets in the Dorchester district. This statement is submitted in accordance with a request contained in an order referred to me by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting.

EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE TO LOAN OF \$500,000 FOR STREETS IN DORCHESTER.

NAME OF STREET.	Land Damages Paid to February 1, 1900.	Estimated Land Damages Unpaid February 1, 1900.	Payments for Construction to February 1, 1900.	Estimated Amounts Necessary February 1, 1900, to Finish Construction.
Alexander street	—	\$4,475 80	\$3,077 02	\$1,708 60
Atherstone street	—	—	1,946 43	1,485 81
Boston street	\$16,476 00	9,622 00	461 79	15,134 46
Draper street	—	9,600 00	8 25	18,741 75
Edwin street	—	1,100 00	7,221 24	4,256 74
Esmond street	—	—	80 39	12,119 61
Homes avenue	700 00	—	—	9,255 87
Lauriat avenue	—	54,988 00	2,629 62	1,069 80
Montague street	—	—	17 95	2,982 05
Shafter street	—	—	62 20	5,937 80
Van Winkle street	—	—	70	3,149 48
Wainwright street	—	—	12 00	11,238 00
Waldeck street	—	465 00	10,687 32	2,882 29
Warner street	—	—	72 11	9,127 89
Woodcliff street	—	—	70	2,076 43
Rozella street	—	250 00	1,707 56	3,048 74
Annabel street	—	3,000 00	105 79	4,891 49
Fowler street	—	—	9 79	4,790 21
Callender street	—	2,115 00	118 25	24,734 10
Edison green	—	—	127 27	14,972 73
Florida street	—	—	4,630 64	3,277 71
Millet street	—	—	—	4,293 57
Rockford street	—	500 00	5 54	3,744 46
Nottingham street	—	—	10 55	4,189 45
Barry street	11,350 00	7,800 00	46 04	18,113 96
Thane street	4,020 45	4,000 00	14 50	5,093 00
Conrad street	—	—	—	2,350 00
Moseley street	—	—	—	12,300 00
Spencer street	—	—	—	2,500 00
Leonard street	—	14,000 00	16 75	4,635 25
Seaborn street	—	—	—	4,500 00
Hancock street	—	41,525 00	—	25,200 00
Centre avenue	400 00	—	*	*
Templeton street	—	—	—	19,300 00
Gibson street	—	7,065 00	413 40	13,586 60
Shepton street	—	8,000 00	—	9,600 00
Normandy street	—	1,000 00	—	2,570 00
Bird-street extension	—	22,716 00	—	4,500 00
Morton street	—	70,000 00	*	*
Total	\$32,946 45	\$262,221 80	\$33,483 80	\$293,357 85

* Construction not ordered.

SUMMARY.

Land damages paid to February 1, 1900	\$32,946 45
Land damages remaining unpaid February 1, 1900	262,221 80
Payments for street construction to February 1, 1900	33,483 80
Street construction, amount necessary to finish	293,357 85
Total	\$622,009 90

List of Park Department Employees.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 26 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with your request of the twelfth instant, I take pleasure in submitting a list of Park Department employees earning not to exceed \$2 a day.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

PARK DEPARTMENT,

Jamaica Plain, Mass., April 26, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In accordance with the enclosed order of the Common Council, I enclose a list of laborers employed by this Department who do not earn over \$2 per day.

Yours respectfully,

CHARLES E. STRATTON, Chairman.

(Annexed thereto was the list referred to.)
Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting.

List of Employees, Insane Hospital Department.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 26 April 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Insane Hospital Trustees submitting a list of employees in their Department, in accordance with your request, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

INSANE HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT,

Boston, April 25, 1900

HON. THOMAS N. HART.

DEAR SIR: I send you herewith, a list of the employees at the Boston Insane Hospital

to-day, their residence at the time of appointment, and salary, in accordance with your request.

Yours very respectfully,

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

(Annexed thereto was the list referred to.)

Ordered printed and assigned to the next meeting.

Opening of Elmwood Street Gymnasium, Ward 19.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, 26 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: Enclosed herewith is a communication from the Bath Department in answer to your order asking when the Elmwood-street Gymnasium, Ward 19, will be opened to the public.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

BATH DEPARTMENT,

64 Pemberton Square, April 26, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In reply to order from the Common Council, April 12, 1900, in regard to opening Ward 19 Gymnasium, the Board of Trustees would state, that the gymnasium is all equipped and ready for opening, but no maintenance money has as yet been appropriated. Just as soon as funds are appropriated for this gymnasium the Board will see that it is opened.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES F. MORSE, Secretary.

Placed on file.

Bathing Facilities, Old City Hall, Charlestown.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

Boston, Mass., 26 April, 1900.

TO THE HONORABLE THE COMMON COUNCIL:

GENTLEMEN: A communication from the Bath Department, in answer to your order asking for a report on the expediency of establishing bathing facilities in the old City Hall, Charlestown, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

BATH DEPARTMENT,

64 Pemberton Square, April 26, 1900.

HON. THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

DEAR SIR: In regard to the order from the Common Council requesting the establishing of a system of all-the-year-round baths, hot and cold, in the old City Hall building, Ward 5, the Bath Department respectfully states that at present there are no funds available for such purpose, but the Bath Department would be very glad to establish and maintain baths above referred to if it had the money for so doing and the Department urgently suggests the desirability and necessity of having such establishment in the Charlestown district.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES F. MORSE, Secretary.

Assigned to the next meeting.

City Government Orders.

ORDERS PASSED AND PERMITS GRANTED—REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR.

By the City Council.

The following were approved April 28, 1900:

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Thomas F. Welch the sum of \$116.72, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of two parcels of land on LaGrange street, West Roxbury, for unpaid taxes of the year 1896, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2500, fol. 43.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to C. William Hunt the sum of \$281.55, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on East Dedham street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1898, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2659, fol. 253.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Alfred Tewksbury the sum of \$295.40, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Kilton street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2581, fol. 579.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to William P. Fowler the sum of \$97.50, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Greenwood street, Dorchester (Lot 1), for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2581, fol. 626.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Charles H. Walcott the sum of \$152.72, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 39 Hopedale street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1894, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2314, fol. 584.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Joseph F. Bruce the sum of \$11.70, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Willow street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2581, fol. 135.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to John A. Williams the sum of \$114.85, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Glen-

way street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2580, fol. 153.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Mary A. E. Holbrook, trustee, the sum of \$170.90, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on Billerica street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1895, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2407, fol. 129.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Stephen Jennings the sum of \$205.40, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 138 Marginal street, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2582, fol. 24.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Stephen Jennings the sum of \$144.45, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 5 Pearl place, for unpaid taxes of the year 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2582, fol. 244.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Stephen Jennings the sum of \$139.45, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 3 Pearl place, for unpaid taxes of the year of 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2582, fol. 242.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Stephen Jennings the sum of \$139.45, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 2 Pearl place, for unpaid taxes of the year of 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2583, fol. 167.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer be hereby authorized to pay to Stephen Jennings the sum of \$210.20, being the amount held by the city under Chapter 390, Section 40, of the Acts of 1888, from the sale of an estate on 145 Webster street, for unpaid taxes of the year of 1897, by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 2580, fol. 237.

By the Board of Aldermen.

The following were approved April 24, 1900:

Permits to project signs, etc., viz.:

Charles Shapira, two poles on which to hang hardware at 296 Hanover street, Ward 6.

Angelo Derosa, six iron hooks on which to hang beef, etc., at 10 North Bennet street, Ward 6.

Harris Vilansky, pole on which to hang clothing at 13 Endicott street, Ward 6.

Abe Levy, rope on which to hang clothing at 351 Hanover street, Ward 6.

Abraham Berman, twelve iron hooks on which to hang tinware at 346 Hanover street, Ward 6.

Michael Nazzaro, a rack for hats and caps at 255 Hanover street, Ward 6.

C. L. Barnes, an illuminated sign at 165 Federal street, Ward 7.

Jacob Moshkowitch, twelve iron hooks on which to hang clothing at 221½ Commercial street, Ward 6.

Jacob Moshowitch, twelve iron hooks on which to hang clothing at 27 Atlantic avenue, Ward 6.

M. J. Hamilburg, V-shaped illuminated sign at 657 Atlantic avenue, Ward 7.

McCormick & Sproul, sign at 24 India square, Ward 7.

A. M. Berg, V-shaped sign at 61 Endicott street, Ward 6.

W. J. Simkins, watch sign at 135 Massachusetts avenue, Ward 10.

Dr. M. Ziselman, sign at 18 Parmenter street, Ward 6.

Louis D. Cohen, pole on which to hang clothing at 30 Salem street, Ward 6.

J. Meretzky, pole on which to hang clothing at 11½ Cross street, Ward 6.

Sol Rosenthal, pole on which to hang clothing at 25 Travers street, Ward 6.

Annie Rotman, six iron hooks at 228 Hanover street, Ward 6.

J. Henry Smith, sign at 33 Poplar street, Ward 23.

Orders authorizing the Superintendent of Streets to make sidewalks in front of estates, as follows:

H. T. Rockwell, 155 Putnam street, Ward 21, of brick.

Albert H. Curtis, 12-18 Welles avenue, Ward 24, of gravel.

George W. Adams, 405-413 Ruggles street, Ward 19, of brick.

George W. Johnston, 51-63 Stanwood street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

C. W. Walker, Melville avenue and Allston street, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Mary I. Anderson, 114 Alban street, of artificial stone.

Frederick McGrath, 66 Waumbek street, Ward 21, of gravel.

Levi L. Bowker, 64 Waumbek street, Ward 21, of gravel.

Guy A. Clifford, 34 Folsom street, Ward 16, of gravel.

Albert G. Frost et al., trustees, corner Robin Hood and Folsom streets, Ward 16, of gravel.

Mrs. Catherine McDermott et al., Condon street, Ward 1, of brick.

A. S. Temple, 22 Harley street, Ward 24, of artificial stone.

William L. Morrison, Talbot avenue and Washington street, Ward 24, of artificial stone.

Charles J. Johnston, 38-46 Munroe street and 3-5 Hazlewood street, Ward 21, of artificial stone.

A. C. Chisholm, 90-98 Harrishof street, Ward 21, of artificial stone.

Dorchester Associates, 487-497 Columbia road, Ward 20, of artificial stone.

Licenses to store and keep for sale oils or fluids composed wholly or in part of the products of petroleum, viz.:

Thomas Mayo, 149 Green street, Jamaica Plain.

Co-operative P. Paint Company, 16 Leverett street.

E. Van Noorden Company (to keep for use), 944 Massachusetts avenue.

Ordered, That the Board of Police be authorized to close to public travel by vehicles, except United States mail, fire and police wagons, on Monday, September 3, 1900,

between the hours of 8 A.M. and 12 o'clock noon, for the formation and passage of the parade of the Knights of Labor:

Formation—Copley square and Boylston street, thence passing through Boylston, Berkeley, Tremont, West Dedham, Washington and Eliot streets, Park square, Charles, Beacon, School, Washington and Milk streets, to Post Office square, where the parade will be dismissed.

And the City Messenger is hereby requested to rope off said streets at the principal points where it may be required under the direction of the Board of Police; the expense thus incurred to be charged to the appropriation for City Messenger Department.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to Coolidge S. Roberts to construct, maintain and use a coal-hole opening, not exceeding eighteen inches in diameter, with an iron cover of rough upper surface, under and in the sidewalk in front of estate No. 76 Charles street, Ward 11, the work to be completed on or before November 15, 1900, according to the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinances of the city relating thereto.

Ordered, That permission be hereby granted to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to remove from Walk Hill street, Ward 23, four poles shown by red dots marked "remove" on a plan made by C. A. Perkins, dated April 23, 1892.

The following was approved April 25, 1900:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Streets be authorized to issue a permit to John Soley & Sons to move a wooden building, flat roof, fifty feet in length, by twenty-three feet in width, by twenty-five feet in height, from 648 Bennington street, to Wordsworth street, to Lot 60 on said street, Ward 1, on the terms and conditions expressed in the ordinance of the city relating thereto.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The following order has been promulgated by the Board of Police:

April 27, 1900.

General Order No. 688.

I. The following named persons are hereby appointed reserve police officers of the City of Boston under the provisions of Chapter 177 of the Acts of 1887, and assigned for duty as follows:

Division 1—Watson W. H. Cooke.

Division 6—Edward A. Cotter and Henry J. Lampe.

Division 7—William A. O'Brien.

Division 10—Wilbur F. Harris.

Division 11—John C. E. Clark and Thomas J. F. Smith.

Division 12—John M. Mernin.

Division 13—Alexander D. O'Handly and Aldred W. Readmon.

Division 16—Patrick Murphy and Charles B. Piper.

II. Patrolman James F. Burke is hereby transferred from Division 1 to Division 11.

III. Section I. of this order will take effect at roll-call, 5.45 o'clock, this P.M., and Section II. will take effect at roll-call, 5.45 o'clock P.M., Saturday, the twenty-eighth instant.

ORGANIZATION OF COMBINATION LADDER COMPANY NO. 9.

The following order has been promulgated by the Fire Commissioner:

FIRE DEPARTMENT,

Bristol Street, April 21, 1900.

General Order No. 546.

The Department is hereby notified that Combination Ladder Company No. 9 has been organized, and will be placed in service in the house of Engine Company No. 30 at 10 o'clock A.M., Monday, April 23, in charge of Lieut. Hadwin Sawyer, and its running card, with changes for other apparatus, will be as follows:

RUNNING CARD FOR COMBINATION LADDER COMPANY NO. 9.

First Alarm—536, 537, 538, 542, 543, 546, 547, 551, 552, 554, 561, 562, 563, 565, 566, 567, 568, 574, 575, 578, 579, 587, 588, 597.

Second Alarm—534, 535, 539, 541, 573, 577, 581.

Third Alarm—517, 523, 525, 526, 527, 528, 531, 532, 544, 545, 549, 553, 557, 576, 582.

CHANGES IN RUNNING CARD.

358 (L16 on 1st). 362 (E45 on 1st), (E28 ou 2d), (E42 on 3rd), (E37 to E28 on 2d). 365 (L16 on 1st), (L10 on 2d), (E28 on 2d). 511 (E45 on 1st), (L16 on 1st). 516 (L16 on 1st). 527 (L16 on 1st). 532 (L10 on 2d), (L6 cut off). 535 (L10 cut off). 538 (L10 cut off). 539 (L10 cut off). 541 (L6 and L10 cut off). 542 (L10 cut off). 543 (L10 on 3rd). 546 (L10 on 3rd). 547 (L16 on 2d), (L10 on 3rd). 561 (L10 on 3rd). 562 (L10 on 3rd). 563 (L16 on 2d), (L10 cut off). 565 (L16 on 2d), (L10 on 3rd). 566 (L16 on 2d), (L10 on 3rd). 567 (L16 on 2d), (L10 on 3rd). 568 (L10 on 3rd). 572 (L16 on 2d). 574 (L10 on 2d), (L12 cut off). 575 (L10 cut off). 577 (L10 cut off). 578 (L10 on 3rd). 579 (L16 ou 2d), (L10 cut off). 581 (L10 cut off). 587 (L10 cut off). 588 (L10 cut off). 597 (L16 on 2d), (L10 cut off). 57 (E15 on 2d). 69 (Erase C3 to E13 on 4th alarm). 116 (Erase C3 to E13 ou 4th alarm).

II. S. RUSSELL, Commissioner.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following is a summary showing the number of transfers of real estate and the number and amount of mortgages executed in Boston during the month of April, 1900, as compiled by the Real Estate Exchange and Auction Board:

Total number of transfers, 678; total number of mortgages, 605; total amount of mortgages, \$3,269,459.

District.	Number of Transfers.
Boston	191
South Boston	53
East Boston	38
Roxbury	103
Dorchester	177
West Roxbury	52
Brighton	36
Charlestown	28
Total	678

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality and morbidity statistics of the city, as reported by the Board of Health for the week ending April 28, 1900, were as follows:

Death rate for the week	22.3
Death rate for corresponding week, 1899	23.4
Number of deaths:	
Males	122
Females	115
Total	237
Total deaths in corresponding week, 1899	243
Decrease	6

Of the 237 decedents, 235 were white and 2 colored; 142 were born in the United States, 90 in foreign countries and the birthplace of 5 was unknown; 61 were of American parentage, 149 of foreign parentage and the parentage of 27 was unknown.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	Cases.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	60	9
Scarlatina	57	4
Typhoid fever	5	3
Measles	116	4
Totals	238	20

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Consumption	27
Pneumonia	41
Whooping cough	1
Heart disease	24
Bronchitis	10
Marasmus	8
Violent causes	9

Total from principal causes	120
Total from infectious diseases	20
Total from other causes	97

Total from all causes 237

Deaths of children under 1 year	33
Deaths of children under 5 years	62
Deaths of persons over 60 years	50
Deaths in public institutions	71

There were nine deaths from LaGrippe during the week. Seven were complicated and two were uncomplicated deaths.

One case of small-pox was reported during the week.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS.

The following bills concerning the City of Boston have been introduced in the Massachusetts Legislature and referred to the appropriate committees:

In the Senate.

Senate bill No. 184 was introduced on leave by Senator Currier of Essex; referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs. It is entitled:

An Act to Provide for the Change of Building Lines on Landsdowne Street in the City of Boston.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, with the approval of the Mayor, within six months after the passage of this act may make such changes in the building lines of Landsdowne

street, as shown on a plan of the territory between the Back Bay fens, Brookline avenue and the Boston and Albany Railroad, made by Pierre Humbert, jr., and filed in the office of the City Surveyor or City Engineer of said city, as they may deem necessary or desirable, and the plan as so changed shall have the same effect as before the change was made.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Senate Bill No. 186 accompanies the petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston for legislation to confirm the findings of the Commissioners appointed to consider the abolition of certain grade crossings in said city; referred to the Committee on Railroads. It is entitled:

An Act relative to the Grade Crossings of Railroads and Blue Hill avenue and Oakland street.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. The report of the Commissioners appointed by the Superior Court for the County of Suffolk to consider the abolition of the grade crossings of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad with Blue Hill avenue and Oakland street, made to said court, is hereby confirmed; the parties designated in said report therein shall carry out the directions contained therein; the clerk of said court shall forthwith cause copies of the plans accompanying said report to be filed in the Registry of Deeds for the County of Suffolk, and said filing shall constitute a taking of the lands and other property described in said report and designated to be taken; and all provisions of Chapter 428 of the Acts of the year 1890, and acts in amendment or addition thereto, not inconsistent with this act, shall apply to and govern the proceedings in connection with the abolitions of said crossings as if the decisions of said commission had been confirmed by said court.

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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1. S. B. 6, an Act to incorporate the Boston and Brockton Electric Freight Company, p. 97.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 30. Feb. 13, 19, 20. Closed.	Mch. 9. S. (L.W.)							
2. S. B. 19, an Act to provide for the formation and disbursement of a public school teachers' retirement fund in the City of Boston, p. 49.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 18.	Feb. 2. Closed.	Feb. 28. S. (S.B.19)	Mch. 9.	Mch. 12.	Mch. 14. H.	Mch. 22.	Apr. 6.	H. Apr. 10. S. Apr. 11.	App. Apr. 17.
3. S. R. 21, a Resolve to confirm an act of the Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 50.	Cities. Jan. 10.	Jan. 19. Closed.	Jan. 19. S. (S.B. 21)	Jan. 22.	Jan. 23.	Jan. 25. H.	Jan. 26.	Jan. 29.	H. Jan. 31. S. Feb. 2.	App. Feb. 2.
4. S. B. 22, an Act to define the authority of the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston as to the Chestnut Hill Reservoir Grounds, p. 50.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 19.	Jan. 31. Closed.	May 1. S. (S. B.)							
5. S. B. 28, an Act to authorize the Old Colony Trust Company to hold real estate, p. 50.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 23.	Jan. 31. Closed.	Feb. 2. S. (S.B.114)	Feb. 5.	Feb. 6.	Feb. 8. H.	Feb. 9.	Feb. 12.	H. Feb. 14. S. Feb. 19.	App. Feb. 20.
6. S. B. 32, an Act to provide for the construction of sea-walls, piers and docks on certain lands at East Boston, owned by the Commonwealth, p. 50.	Harbors and Public Lands. Jan. 25.	Mch. 16, 23. Apr. 3. Closed.								
7. S. B. 36, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness beyond its debt limit for the purpose of building and furnishing additional school-houses and taking land therefor, p. 65.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 29.	Feb. 23. Closed.								
8. S. B. 50, an Act relative to the Fire Department of the City of Boston, p. 65.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 28. S. (S. B. 50)	Mch. 29.	Mch. 30.	Apr. 3. H.	Apr. 20.	Apr. 23.	H. Apr. 24. S. Apr. 25.	Vetoed. Apr. 26.
9. S. B. 57, an Act to authorize the East Boston Dry Dock Company to extend its marine railway beyond the harbor line at East Boston, p. 65.	Harbors and Public Lands. Jan. 31.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Apr. 16. S. (S.B.180)	Apr. 17.	Apr. 18. Am.	Apr. 24. H.	May 1.			
10. S. B. 63, an Act to provide for the construction of a portion of the State highway between the City of Boston and the City of Lynn, known as the North Shore road, p. 65.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 16. Closed.								
11. S. B. 71, an Act to establish the salary of the clerk of the Municipal Court of the Roxbury District of the City of Boston, p. 66.	Public Service. Jan. 31.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. H (HB1155)	Apr. 2.	Apr. 5.	Apr. 9. S.				
12. S. B. 72, an Act to establish the salary of the assistant clerk of the Municipal Court of the Roxbury District of the City of Boston, p. 66.	Public Service. Jan. 3.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 20. H (11B 1156)	Apr. 2.	Apr. 6.	Apr. 10. S.				
13. S. B. 73, an Act relative to certain grade crossings in the cities of Cambridge and Boston, p. 66.	Railroads. Jan. 31.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 12. S. (S. B. 134)	Mch. 13.	Mch. 14. Am.	Mch. 16. H.	Mch. 26.	Mch. 27.	H. Mch. 28. S. Mch. 30.	App. Apr. 3.
14. S. B. 76, an Act to provide for the laying out and construction of Carleton street, in the City of Boston, p. 66.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 13. Closed.	Feb. 13. H. (S.B. 76)	Feb. 14.	Feb. 16.	Feb. 20. S.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 26. Am.	H. Mch. 5. S. Mch. 6.	App. Mch. 9.
15. S. B. 84, an Act relative to the power of the School Committee of the City of Boston, p. 97.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 28. H (11 B 1169)	Mch. 30.	Apr. 3.	Apr. 4. S.	Apr. 5.	Apr. 9.	H. Apr. 11. S. Apr. 12.	App. Apr. 13.
16. S. B. 85, an Act relative to the Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 66.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 19. Closed.	Feb. 21. S. (L.W.)							
17. S. B. 86, an Act relative to the Assessors of the City of Boston, p. 98.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 19. Closed.	Feb. 21. S. (L.W.)							
18. S. B. 87, an Act relative to the presiding officers and clerks of the Common Council and of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston, and to the City Clerk of said city, p. 66.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Feb. 19. Closed.	Feb. 21. S. (L.W.)							
19. S. B. 89, an Act to provide for primary elections in Boston, p. 67. (See also No. 91.)	Election Laws. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Mch. 27. H (HB 1157)	Apr. 3.	Apr. 6.	Apr. 10. S.	Apr. 11.	Apr. 17. Am.	H. Apr. 24. S. Apr. 25.	App. Apr. 26.
20. S. B. 90, an Act relative to the nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 98.	Election Laws. Feb. 1.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L.W.) S. B. 90 sub. in S. Mch. 15	Mch. 19. Rej.						
21. S. B. 103, an Act relative to the improvement of Stony Brook, in the City of Boston, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
22. S. B. 110, an Act relative to the lease of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, p. 67.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Mch. 9. Closed.								
23. S. B. 115, an Act to establish a public market and public forum in the City of Boston, p. 67.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 20. Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 6. S. (L.W.)							
24. S. B. 117, an Act relative to the bequest of the late Charlotte Harris to the Charlestown Public Library, p. 98. (See also No. 40.)	Libraries. Feb. 14.	Mch. 19. Closed.	Mch. 22. H (HB 1140)	Mch. 26.	Apr. 11.	Apr. 13. S.	Apr. 16.	Apr. 17.	H. Apr. 20. S. Apr. 24.	App. Apr. 25.

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25. S. B. 136, an Act relative to Malden bridge, p. 179.	Metropolitan Affairs. Mch. 20.	Apr. 4. Closed.								
IN THE HOUSE.										
26. H. B. 2, an Act to incorporate the City Trust Company, p. 98.	Banks and Banking. Jan. 10.	Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H.(H.B.2.)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 5.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.
27. H. B. 22, an Act to regulate the price of gas in the City of Boston, p. 37.	Manufactures. Jan. 10.	Mch. 2, 7, 12, 14, 28. Apr. 4, 23. Feb. 1. Closed.	Feb. 1. H.(H.B.32)	Feb. 2.	Feb. 5.	Feb. 7. S.	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.
28. H. B. 32, an Act to extend the time for filing petitions for the assessment of damages accruing from the alterations of the grade crossing of Dorchesteravenue in the City of Boston and the Old Colony Railroad, p. 37.	Railroads. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.								
29. H. R. 33, a Resolve relative to the assumption of possession of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth, p. 37.	Railroads. Jan. 10.	Jan. 24. Closed.								
30. H. B. 36, an Act to authorize the lease of the Boston and Albany Railroad to the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, p. 37.	Railroads. Jan. 10.	Mch. 1, 21, 29. Apr. 5, 12, 16, 26.								
31. H. B. 37, an Act relative to appeals in case of the taking of land as private property by the Boston Elevated Railway Company, and to confirm its takings of land as private property in the County of Suffolk, p. 37.	Street Railways. Jan. 10.	Jan. 23. Feb. 6, 8. Closed.	Mch. 29. H.(H.B.1181)	Apr. 4.	Apr. 10.	Apr. 12. S.	Apr. 13.	Apr. 16.	H. Apr. 18. S. Apr. 24.	App. Apr. 25.
32. H. B. 97, an Act relative to the establishment of gas and electric light plants by the City of Boston, p. 37.	Manufactures. Jan. 11.	Feb. 21, 23. Apr. 10, 12. Closed.	Apr. 18. H.(N.P.)							
33. H. R. 99, a Resolve relative to the purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth, p. 38.	Railroads. Jan. 11.	Jan. 24, 31. Closed.								
34. H. B. 114, an Act relative to the nomination of Mayor in the City of Boston and Senators in the County of Suffolk, p. 38.	Election Laws. Jan. 12.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 28. H.(N.G.C.)							
35. H. B. 160, an Act to provide for the appointment of a Police Commissioner and a Board of Excise Commissioners for the City of Boston, p. 38.	Liquor Law. Jan. 15.	Feb. 14. Closed.	Mch. 21. H.(L.W.)							
36. H. B. 161, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside its debt limit to erect school-houses in Ward 22 in said city, p. 39.	Cities. Jan. 16. To Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 17.	Feb. 23, 26. Closed.								
37. H. B. 179, an Act relative to the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen in Boston, p. 39.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Jan. 25. Closed.	Jan. 25. H.(N.P.)							
38. H. B. 180, an Act relative to the President of the Common Council of the City of Boston, p. 39.	Election Laws. Jan. 17.	Jan. 25. Closed.	Jan. 25. H.(N.P.)							
39. H. B. 192, an Act to incorporate the Boston Life Assurance Company, p. 40.	Insurance. Jan. 17.	Jan. 30. Closed.	Mch. 15. H(HB 1097)							
40. H. B. 198, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's and Chandler's ponds in the City of Boston and City of Newton, p. 51. (See also No. 76.)	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 17.	Jan. 26. Closed.	Mch. 7. H.(L.W.)							
41. H. B. 204, an Act to provide for the transfer of the Harris collection of the Charlestown Public Library to the Central Library of the City of Boston, p. 51. (See also No. 24.)	Judiciary (House). Jan. 18.	Jan. 30. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (N. P.)							
42. H. R. 208, a Resolve in favor of submitting to a popular vote the question of State ownership of the Boston and Albany Railroad, p. 51.	Railroads. Jan. 19.	Feb. 9. Closed.								
43. H. B. 217, an Act to incorporate the Johnson Buildings, p. 83.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 18.	Jan. 31. Closed.	Feb. 5. H.(H.B.943)	Feb. 8.	Feb. 9.	Feb. 13. S.	Feb. 14.	Feb. 20.	H. Feb. 23. S. Feb. 28.	App. Mch. 2.
44. H. B. 224, an Act relative to subways and tunnels in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 18.	Jan. 30. Feb. 27. Closed.	Mch. 2. H.(L.W.)							
45. H. B. 260, an Act relative to granting liquor licenses in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Liquor Law. Jan. 22.	Feb. 23. Closed.	Feb. 26. H.(N.P.)							
46. H. B. 293, an Act relative to the Boston Fire Department, p. 51.	Cities. Jan. 23.	Feb. 12. Closed.	Mch. 15. H.(L.W.)							
47. H. B. 295, an Act relative to the registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 51.	Election Laws. Jan. 23.	Feb. 8. Closed.	Feb. 28. H.(L.W.)							
48. H. B. 296, an Act to define residence as a requisite for voting in the City of Boston, p. 52.										
49. H. B. 298, an Act to provide for a high-school building in the Charlestown District of the City of Boston, p. 52.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 23.	Feb. 23. Closed.								

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50. H. R. 308, a Resolve to confirm the acts of Charles W. Whittier as a Justice of the Peace, p. 52.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 23.	Jan. 30. Closed.	Jan. 30. H (H.R.308)	Jan. 31	Feb. 2.	Feb. 6. S.	Feb. 7.	Feb. 8.	H. Feb. 13. S. Feb. 14.	App. Feb. 14.
51. H. B. 321, an Act in addition to an act to incorporate the Commercial Wharf Company in the City of Boston, p. 52.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 23.	Feb. 2. Closed.	Feb. 5. H (H.B.947)	Feb. 6.	Feb. 7.	Feb. 9. S.	Feb. 12.	Feb. 13.	H. Feb. 15. S. Feb. 19.	App. Feb. 20.
52. H. B. 325, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to Catherine C. Dodge, p. 52.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 26. Closed.	Mch. 15. S. (N. P.)							
53. H. B. 326, an Act relative to the Metropolitan Water Board, p. 52.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 24.	Jan. 31. Feb. 6. Closed.								
54. H. B. 337, an Act relative to the pensioning of war veterans who are members of the Fire Department of the City of Boston, p. 52.	Cities. Jan. 24.	Feb. 5. Closed.	Feb. 8. H. (L. W.)							
55. H. B. 343, an Act to provide for the construction of a hospital in East Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 24.	Feb. 6. Closed.	Feb. 16. H (H.B.999)	Feb. 19.	Feb. 23.	Feb. 27. S.	Mch. 1. Rej.			
56. H. B. 355, an Act to incorporate the Marine Park Tower Company, p. 53.	Mercantile Affairs. Jan. 24.	Feb. 9, 13. Closed.	Mch. 21. H (HB 1123)	Apr. 3. Rej.						
57. H. B. 370, an Act to authorize the Lexington and Boston Street Railway Company to operate its railway over private property, p. 53.	Street Railways. Jan. 30.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 28. H (HB 1172)	Apr. 6.	Apr. 20. Am.	Apr. 24. S.	Apr. 25.	Apr. 26.	H. Apr. 30. S. May 1.	App. May 2.
58. H. B. 371, an Act to authorize the Fitchburg Railroad Company to take lands in Boston for freight purposes, p. 53.	Railroads. Jan. 25.	Feb. 14. Closed.								
59. H. B. 375, an Act relative to the improvement of Stony brook in the City of Boston, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 25.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
60. H. B. 386, an Act to regulate the price of gas in that portion of the City of Boston known as East Boston, p. 53.	Manufactures. Jan. 25.	Mch. 2, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28. Apr. 4, 23.								
61. H. B. 397, an Act to authorize and direct the Metropolitan Park Commission to acquire Fuller's wharf, in Brighton, as a part of the Charles-river reservation, p. 53.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 25.	Feb. 6. Closed.	Feb. 14. H (H.B.397)							
62. H. B. 411, an Act relative to the fares charged by any street railway operating in the City of Boston, p. 68.	Street Railways. Jan. 26.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 9. H. (L. W.)							
63. H. R. 417, Resolutions relative to an appropriation by the Congress of the United States for the improvement of Boston Harbor, p. 68.	Federal Relations. Jan. 29.	Feb. 2. Closed.	Feb. 2. H (H.R.417)		Feb. 6. Ad.	Feb. 8. S.		Feb. 9. Ad.		
64. H. B. 420, an Act to regulate the price of gas in the City of Boston, p. 68.	Manufactures. Jan. 29.	Mch. 2, 7, 14, 19, 28. Apr. 4, 23.								
65. H. B. 434, an Act to further define the duties of Boards of Registrars of Voters in all the cities of the Commonwealth, p. 68.	Election Laws. Jan. 29.	Feb. 7. Closed.	Feb. 7. H. (L. W.)							
66. H. B. 435, an Act to extend the time for building the Boston, Quincy and Fall River Bicycle Railway, p. 68.	Street Railways. Jan. 29.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Feb. 26. H (H.B.435)	Mch. 1.	Mch. 2.	Mch. 6. S.	Mch. 7.	Mch. 9.	H. Mch. 13. S. Mch. 15.	App. Mch. 16.
67. H. B. 441, an Act to require the Metropolitan Park Commission to rebuild the bridge over the Neponset river, between Blue Hills parkway in the Town of Milton and Mattapan square in the City of Boston, p. 69.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 29.	Feb. 6. Closed.								
68. H. B. 448, an Act in favor of Anna W. Wason, p. 69.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 16. Closed.	Mch. 16. H (H.B.1103)	Mch. 19.	Mch. 20.	Mch. 22. S.	Mch. 23.	Mch. 26.	H. Mch. 28. S. Apr. 2.	App. Apr. 3.
69. H. B. 449, an Act to provide rooms in the City of Boston in which to hold the Probate Court of Norfolk County in certain cases, p. 69.	Counties. Jan. 29.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 20. H (H.B.449)	Mch. 21.	Mch. 23.	Mch. 27. S.				
70. H. B. 478, an Act to exempt the estate No. 13 Compton street in the City of Boston from the operation of the building laws, p. 69.	Cities. Jan. 30.	Feb. 9. Closed.	Mch. 28. S. (L. W.)							
71. H. B. 495, an Act to regulate the distribution of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the City of Boston, p. 69.	Liquor Law. Jan. 30.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Feb. 26. H. (L. W.)							
72. H. B. 499, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside of its debt limit to erect a municipal building in South Boston, p. 70.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 30.	Feb. 13. Closed.								
73. H. B. 515, an Act to extend the time for filing petitions for the assessment of damages accruing from the location and construction of railroads under the provisions of the Act to provide for a South Union station, p. 70.	Railroads. Jan. 30.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 19. H. (L. W.)							
74. H. B. 516, an act relative to the Boston and Suburban Express Company, p. 70.	Street Railways. Jan. 30.	Mch. 9, 27. Closed.	Apr. 24. H. (L. W.)							

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75. H. B. 528, an Act to revise the charter of the City of Boston, p. 70.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Apr. 4.	Apr. 4. H.(N.G.C.)							
76. H. B. 537, an Act to authorize the taking of Downing's and Chandler's ponds by the Metropolitan Park Commission, p. 71. (See also No. 40.)	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 13. Closed.	Mch. 13. H.(N.G.C.)							
77. H. B. 540, an Act relative to the disposition of fees for the solemnization of marriages received by the City Registrar or Assistant City Registrar of the City of Boston, p. 71.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 31.	Feb. 26. Closed.	Mch. 26. S.(N.G.C.)							
78. H. R. 545, a Resolve relative to the building known as the Westminster Chambers in the City of Boston, p. 71. (See also No. 81.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Apr. 18. S.(S. B.188) T.S.Apr.28.							
79. H. B. 551, an Act to promote the location and construction of freight tracks on the Commonwealth flats in South Boston, p. 71.	Harbors and Public Lands. Jan. 31.	Feb. 20, 26. Mch. 2, 9. Closed.								
80. H. B. 561, an Act to rebuild the Broadway bridge in the City of Boston, p. 71.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 13. Closed.								
81. H. B. 567, an Act relative to the building at the corner of St. James avenue and Trinity place in the City of Boston, p. 71. (See No. 78.)	Cities. Jan. 31.	Mch. 6. Closed.	(See No. 78.)							
82. H. B. 568, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the widow of William J. Ryan, p. 71.	Cities. Jan. 31.	Feb. 26. Closed.								
83. H. B. 576, an Act to authorize the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company to establish a guaranty capital, p. 71.	Insurance. Jan. 31.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Mch. 16. H(H.B.1105)	Mch. 19.	Mch. 26.	Mch. 28. S.	Mch. 29.	Apr. 2. Am.	H. Apr. 6. S. Apr. 10.	App. Apr. 11.
84. H. B. 579, an Act relative to the hiring of laborers by the City of Boston, p. 72.	Labor. Jan. 31.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Apr. 16. H.(L.W.)							
85. H. B. 587, an Act to provide for the construction of the esplanade on Charles river, p. 98.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Feb. 14. Closed.	Feb. 19. H.(L.W.)							
86. H. B. 598, an Act relative to the appointment of pilots and Pilot Commissioners for Boston harbor, p. 72.	Judiciary (House) Jan. 31.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 20. H.(L.W.)							
87. H. B. 600, an Act relative to the appointment of court officers in the municipal courts in the County of Suffolk, p. 99.	Judiciary (House) Jan. 31.	Mch. 1. Closed.	Apr. 2. H(H.B.600)	Apr. 17.	Apr. 27.	May 1. S.				
88. H. B. 606, an Act to provide for additional subways in the City of Boston, p. 72.	Metropolitan Affairs. Jan. 31.	Mch. 12, 22, 29, Apr. 5. Closed.								
89. H. R. 608, a Resolve to confirm the acts of James E. Leach as a Justice of Peace, p. 73.	Probate and Insolvency. Jan. 31.	Feb. 19. Closed.	Feb. 19. H(H.R.608)	Feb. 20.	Feb. 21.	Feb. 26. S.	Feb. 27.	Feb. 28.	H. Mch. 2. S. Mch. 6.	App. Mch. 7.
90. H. B. 621, an Act relative to expenses of medical examiners and other county officers, p. 73.	Counties. Feb. 1.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 26. H.(L.W.)							
91. H. B. 622, an Act relative to caucuses in the City of Boston, p. 73. (See also No. 19.)	Election Laws. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Mch. 27. H(H.B.1157)	See No. 19.						
92. H. B. 631, an Act relative to the pensioning of war veterans who are members of the police force of the City of Boston, p. 74.	Cities. Feb. 1.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 8. H.(N.P.)							
93. H. B. 638, an Act relative to parkways in the City of Boston, p. 83.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
94. H. B. 639, an Act to direct the Boston Transit Commission to widen Pleasant street in the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 15, 27, Mch. 12, 22, 29, Apr. 5. Closed.								
95. H. B. 640, an Act to provide for establishing a playground to meet the wants of Wards 15 and 16 of the City of Boston, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Closed.								
96. H. B. 654, an Act relative to the advertising of legal notices in the County of Suffolk and City of Boston, p. 74.	Judiciary (House) Feb. 1.	Mch. 1. Closed.	Mch. 20. H.(N.P.)							
97. H. B. 660, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to incur indebtedness outside the debt limit for the purpose of completing its public parks, p. 74.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
98. H. B. 668, an Act relative to the crossings of railroads and public ways in East Boston, p. 74.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Mch. 9, 19, 27, Apr. 2, 11. Closed.								
99. H. B. 676, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to establish and maintain an industrial school, p. 99.	Cities. Feb. 1. To Education. Feb. 7	Feb. 23, 28. Closed.	Mch. 8. H(H.B.676)	Mch. 9.	Mch. 12.	Mch. 14. S.	Mch. 15.	Mch. 16.	H. Mch. 22. S. Mch. 20.	App. Mch. 23.

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100. H. B. 678, an Act relative to the School Committee of the City of Boston, p. 83.	Education. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21, 27. Closed.	Mch. 21. H.(N.G.C.)							
101. H. B. 679, an Act to establish a School-house Department in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Education. Feb. 1.	Feb. 21, 27. Closed.	Mch. 21. H.(N.G.C.)							
102. H. B. 687, an Act relative to the number of liquor licenses which may be issued by cities and towns, p. 99.	Liquor Law. Feb. 1.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (L. W.)							
103. H. B. 688, an Act to provide for the creation and disbursement of a public school janitor's retirement fund in the City of Boston, p. 74.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 16. Closed.	Mch. 19. H. (L. W.)							
104. H. B. 689, an Act to incorporate the South Bay Wharf and Warehouse Company, p. 84.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 7. Closed.	Apr. 3. H.(H.B.1202)	Apr. 27. Rej.						
105. H. B. 690, an Act to provide for the construction of additional subways in the City of Boston, p. 84.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 27. Closed.	Mch. 12. H. (L. W.)							
106. H. B. 691, an Act to regulate the erection and maintenance of school buildings in the City of Boston, p. 140.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Feb. 23, 26. Closed.	Mch. 19. H. (L. W.)							
107. H. B. 693, an Act relative to the parks, parkways and boulevards of the City of Boston, p. 99.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 6. H. (L.W.)							
108. H. B. 694, an Act relative to streets and lands in the neighborhood of parks, parkways and boulevards in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 1.	Mch. 6. Closed.	Mch. 6. H. (L.W.)							
109. H. B. 713, an Act to abolish fees for dog licenses in the City of Boston, p. 85.	Probate and Insolvency. Feb. 1.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Feb. 20. H.(H.B.713)	Feb. 21.	Feb. 23.	Mch. 1. S.	Mch. 15. Rej.			
110. H. B. 723, an Act relative to Back street in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 1. To Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 8.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 5. H.(H.B.723)	Mch. 6.	Mch. 8.	Mch. 12. S.	Mch. 13.	Mch. 15.	11. Mch. 19. S. Mch. 20.	App. Mch. 23.
111. H. B. 726, an Act for the purchase by the Commonwealth of the road, franchise, property, rights and privileges of the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, p. 85.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 27. Mch. 20, 21, 23. Closed.								
112. H. B. 729, an Act to enlarge the Board of Railroad Commissioners and to purchase the Boston and Albany Railroad, p. 85.	Railroads. Feb. 1.	Feb. 28. Mch. 20, 21, 23. Apr. 2. Closed.								
113. H. B. 740, an Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 353 of the Acts of 1892, relative to pensioning members of the Police Department of the City of Boston, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Mch. 1, 8. Closed.	Mch. 8. H. (N. P.)							
114. H. B. 746, an Act to provide fenders on certain conveyances operating in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Feb. 23. Mch. 6, 13. Closed.	Mch. 15. H. (N. P.)							
115. H. B. 748, an Act relative to the election of aldermen in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 14. Closed.	Apr. 3. S. (N. P.)							
116. H. B. 752, an Act relative to the appointment of constables in the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 20. Closed.	Mch. 6. H. (L.W.)							
117. H. B. 756, an Act relative to the appointment of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston, p. 86.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Closed.	Mch. 5. H. (N.P.)							
118. H. B. 758, an Act to provide for the care and support of the Insane by the Commonwealth, p. 86.	Public Charitable Institutions. Feb. 2.	Apr. 10. Closed.	Apr. 10. H. (N. P.)							
119. H. B. 772, an Act relative to the construction of tenement-houses in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 2.	Mch. 1, 9, 13. Closed.	Apr. 4. S.(S.B.157.) T. in S. Apr. 24. Mch. 20. H. (L.W.)	Apr. 13.						
120. H. B. 775, an Act relative to registration of voters in the City of Boston, p. 87.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 20. H. (L.W.)							
121. H. B. 776, an Act relative to names upon the voting lists of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Election Laws. Feb. 2.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Mch. 26. H.(H.B.1151)	Mch. 28.	Apr. 4.	Apr. 5. S.	Apr. 10.	Apr. 11.	11. Apr. 13. S. Apr. 17.	App. Apr. 18.
122. H. B. 784, an Act to incorporate the First Motor Vehicle Company, p. 88.	Mercantile Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 13, 14. Closed.	Mch. 21. H.(L.W.)							
123. H. B. 785, an Act to authorize the Board of Aldermen of the City of Boston to lay out and construct a bicycle path across the Common, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 28. Closed.	Feb. 28. H. (L.W.)							
124. H. B. 788, an Act relative to the Water Department of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 21. Mch. 7.	Mch. 7. H.(N.G.C.)							
125. H. B. 789, an Act relative to the system of playgrounds for the City of Boston, p. 88.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 2.	Feb. 16. Closed.								
126. H. B. 796, an Act relative to pensioning medical examiners of the County of Suffolk, p. 88.	Public Health. Feb. 2. To Public Service. Feb. 7.	Mch. 9. Closed.	Mch. 9. S. (L.W.)							

**BILLS CONCERNING THE CITY OF BOSTON, IN PROGRESS OF PASSAGE, BEFORE THE MASSACHUSETTS
LEGISLATURE, 1900. — Concluded.**

TITLE OF BILL.	Committee to which Referred and Date.	Dates of Hearings.	Date and Nature of Report.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Sent to Other Branch.	Ordered to Third Reading.	Passed to be Engrossed.	Enacted.	Action by Governor.
127. H. B. 802, an Act to limit all steam railroads to a five-cent fare within the limits of the City of Boston, p. 88.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 28. H. (L.W.)							
128. H. B. 804, an Act to authorize persons qualified to vote for Governor to vote at the next State election on the question of the purchase of the Boston and Albany Railroad by the Commonwealth, p. 100.	Railroads. Feb. 2.	Mch. 6. Closed.								
129. H. B. 825, an Act relating to the Probate and Insolvency Court for the County of Suffolk, p. 100.	Public Service. Feb. 2.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Apr. 13. H. (L.W.)							
130. H. B. 830, an Act relative to the appointment of inspectors of milk for the City of Boston, p. 100.	Agriculture. Feb. 5.	Mch. 7. Closed.	Mch. 14. H. (N.P.)							
131. H. B. 832, an Act relative to the opening of streets in the City of Boston, p. 100.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2, 12. Closed.	Mch. 14. H. (N.P.)							
132. H. B. 844, an Act relative to membership of Metropolitan commissions, p. 100.	Public Service. Feb. 5.	Feb. 20. Mch. 8. Closed.	Apr. 4. H. (N.P.)							
133. H. B. 845, an Act to provide for minority representation on the Metropolitan commissions, p. 101.	Public Service. Feb. 15.	Feb. 20. Mch. 8. Closed.	Apr. 4. H. (N.P.)							
134. H. B. 848, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban districts of the City of Boston, p. 101.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 28. H. (N.P.)							
135. H. B. 851, an Act relative to extension of system of the Boston Elevated Railway Company in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Street Railways. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 5. H. (N.P.)							
136. H. B. 866, an Act relative to the limitation of height of second class buildings in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 9, 13. Closed.	Mch. 28. H. (L.W.)							
137. H. B. 867, an Act relative to the construction of cellars in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 9, 13. Closed.	Apr. 2. S. (S.B.155)	Apr. 3.	Apr. 4.	Apr. 6. H.	Apr. 20.	Apr. 24.	H. Apr. 25. S. Apr. 26.	App. Apr. 27.
138. H. B. 876, an Act to regulate the election of caucus officers in the City of Boston, p. 101.	Election Laws. Feb. 5.	Feb. 15. Closed.	Feb. 15. H. (L.W.)							
139. H. B. 879, an Act relative to pilots on tugboats engaged in towing vessels bound to or from certain ports within the limits of Boston harbor, p. 101.	Harbors and Public Lands. Feb. 5.	Feb. 28. Mch. 8, 13, 20. Closed.								
140. H. B. 882, an Act to provide for the appointment of a Board of Excise for the City of Boston, p. 101.	Liquor Law. Feb. 5.	Feb. 14. Closed.	Mch. 21. H. (L.W.)							
141. H. B. 883, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to take additional land for the purpose of caring for the insane, p. 102.	Cities. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Apr. 4. S. (S.B.156)	Apr. 5.						
142. H. B. 893, an Act to regulate the price of gas in that part of the City of Boston known as Charlestown, p. 102.	Manufactures. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28. Apr. 4, 23.								
143. H. B. 914, an Act to exempt the City of Boston from the provisions of the civil service laws, p. 102.	Public Service. Feb. 5.	Mch. 13, 20, 22, 27, 30.	Apr. 3. S. (L.W.)							
144. H. B. 919, an Act to regulate railroad fares in the suburban district of Boston, p. 102.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 28. H. (H B 919)	Apr. 5.						
145. H. B. 920, an Act to regulate passenger fares on railroads within the suburban district of Boston, p. 102.	Railroads. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2. Closed.	Mch. 30. H. (H B 1133)	Apr. 4.	Apr. 24.	Apr. 25. S.	Apr. 25.	Apr. 27.	H. May 1. S.	
146. H. B. 924, an Act to provide for a Greater Boston by permitting towns and cities adjoining to be annexed by concurrent vote, p. 120.	Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 5.	Mch. 7. Closed.								
147. H. B. 927, an Act relative to the rate of taxation and indebtedness of the City of Boston, p. 121.	Taxation and Metropolitan Affairs. Feb. 5.	Mch. 2, 15, 19. Closed.	Apr. 12. S. (S.B.177) S. B. 189 Sub. Apr. 30	Apr. 30. Am.						
148. H. B. 939, an Act to authorize the City of Boston to license business brokers, p. 121.	Judiciary (House.) Feb. 5.	Feb. 15. Closed.								
149. H. B. 942, an Act to provide for a Board of Elections for the City of Boston, p. 103.	Election Laws. Feb. 5.	Feb. 28.	Feb. 28. H. (L.W.)							
150. H. B. 974, an Act relative to pensioning of members of the police force of the City of Boston, p. 121.	Cities. Feb. 9.	Mch. 8. Closed.	Mch. 30. H. (H B 1191)	Apr. 6. Am.	Apr. 26. Am.	Apr. 30. S.	May 1.			
151. H. B. 1024, an Act to change the name of the House for the employment and reformation of boys in Suffolk County and for other purposes, p. 122.	Prisons. Mch. 22.	Apr. 2. Closed.	Apr. 3. H. (H B 1205)	Apr. 4.						
152. H. B. 1228, an Act to provide for an employees' retirement fund in the City of Boston, p. 233.	Cities. Jan. 10.	Jan. 26. Feb. 8, 23. Closed.	Apr. 6. H. (H B 1228)	Apr. 18.	Apr. 27.	May 1. S.				

H., signifies House; S., Senate; B., Bill; R., Resolve; (N. P.), Ought not to Pass; (L. W.), Leave to Withdraw; N. G. C., Next General Court; Rej., Rejected; Am., Amended; App., Approved; Ad., Adopted; Sub., Substituted; T., Tabled; T. T., Taken from Table.

Board Meetings.

Insane Hospital Department.

The Insane Hospital Trustees met at the women's department, on Thursday, April 26, 1900.

Present: Messrs. Connelly, Goddard, Sanderson and Dr. Knapp.

In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Sanderson was appointed Chairman pro tempore.

A letter was read from the Mayor, enclosing a letter from the Water Commissioner, stating that the ice plant had been transferred to the Water Department and was in use by them.

A notice from the Mayor of the reappointment of Mr. Connelly as Trustee for a term of five years beginning May 1, 1900, was read.

The question of transferring six women from the women's department to the State hospitals was referred to the Committee on Insane in Other Hospitals with full powers.

The Committee reported that they could not hire the land on Wellington Hill for planting potatoes.

It was voted that the salary of Amos E. Goodale, special attendant, be increased to \$60 per month.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds were authorized to expend not over \$50 for rose bushes.

PHILIP COOMBS KNAPP, Secretary.

Library Department.

Friday, April 6, 1900.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P.M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, DeNormandie, Dwight and Lincoln.

Received: Communications from British Museum, dated March 23; from William Howell Reed, dated March 29; from Mrs. Mary A. Hall Curtis, dated April 4; the Librarian's weekly report; the Auditor's exhibits for February and March.

Voted, That the thanks of the Trustees be expressed to the donors of the oil portrait of Rev. James Freeman Clerke, D.D., presented through Mr. William Howell Reed.

Voted, To reprint in separate form in an edition of 250 copies, the Jesse Luken's letter, and the Auchmuty documents, which have appeared in the Monthly Bulletin; also in an edition of 500 copies a list of Postal titles, prepared by Mr. C. W. Ernst.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$625.36; to trust funds, \$256.92; Fellowes Athenæum, \$41.81; Station "P," \$31.03; miscellaneous articles, \$282.80.

The President was authorized to receive from the City Treasurer, and receipt for, the interest due April 1 on various trust funds, the same to be placed to the credit of the Trustees.

Friday, April 13, 1900.

The regular weekly meeting of the Corporation was held in the Trustees' room at 4.15 P. M.

Present: Messrs. Benton, Bowditch, Dwight and Lincoln.

Received: A communication from the Lamson Consolidated Store Service Company, dated April 12; the Librarian's report.

Salaries were fixed as follows: Periodical room, Frederika Wendt, grade B, \$12; Mary E. A. Ford, grade D special, \$9, April 14; Dorchester branch, Mary G. Donovan, Jamaica Plain branch, Katie F. Albert, and South End branch, Emma F. Lynch, each grade C, \$8.50 per week, April 21; Charlestown branch, Annie M. Donovan, grade D, \$6, April 28.

Various applications for special privilege cards were received, considered and disposed of.

The Librarian was authorized to establish a children's department at the West End branch.

Bills allowed: Chargeable to general appropriation to the amount of \$6,663.48; to trust funds, \$871.06; to "Broadway Extension, Improvements" appropriation, \$60.42.

Purchases authorized: Books, chargeable to city moneys, to the amount of \$582.67; to trust funds, \$231.77; to Fellowes Athenæum, \$16.76; to Station "P," \$16.32; miscellaneous articles, \$717.06.

THOMAS DWIGHT, Clerk pro tempore.

Street Laying-out Department.

Following is an abstract of the records of recent meetings of the Board of Street Commissioners:

Monday, April 23.

It was voted to give hearings Friday, May 4, at 11 and 11.30 o'clock, in the matter of Board of Survey plans F 83, 84, 95, 96, 97, 98, O 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 14, 15, 16, 17, 24, 25, 26, 27, 35, 36, in Plat 8; and plan X 23, in Plat 5.

On advice of the Law Department awards were made of \$400 with interest and costs, to the West End Street Railway Company of \$4,000 to Hannah Cox and others, and of \$450 to Thomas Taverner.

Tuesday, April 24.

Catch-basins were ordered to be built in Washington street, corner of Walton street, and in Knapp street.

A petition was received for a catch-basin in Jeffries street.

Wednesday, April 25.

On advice of the Law Department awards were made of \$18,500 to the Boston and Albany Railroad Company; of \$1,000 to Ella G. Nason, and of \$225 to Elizabeth R. Todd.

It was voted to request and authorize the Superintendent of Streets to remove all old buildings and material within the lines of Echo street as laid out by this Board's order of October 17, 1899.

A sewer was ordered to be built in Cottage park; and catch-basins were ordered to be built in Bainbridge, Kingsbury, Hillside and Sunset streets, and Parker Hill avenue.

Thursday, April 26.

An award of \$1,749.14 was made to Michael McLaughlin for all damages occasioned his estate on Wensley street; and of \$5,800 to Mary Bornstein for damages occasioned by the laying out of Barry street.

A sewer was ordered to be built in Kneeland street and Utica street; and a surface sewer was ordered in Washington street, Brighton.

Friday, April 27.

An award of \$200 was made to Helen A. Knight for damages occasioned by the laying out of Columbia road.

A petition was received for a catch-basin in Munroe street.

Saturday, April 28.

An award of \$120 was made to Maria J. Hassey for damages occasioned by the relocation of Goldsmith brook; and, on advice of the Law Department, an award of \$500 and costs was made to Georgianna Smith for damages occasioned by the relocation of Spring street.

Petitions were received for the laying out of Newland street, from West Brookline to Pembroke street; and for the extension of Dighton place, at Brighton, to Chestnut Hill avenue.

J. H. JENKINS, Secretary.

Department Communications.

Bath Department.

The following table shows the number of baths taken daily at the East Boston Gymnasium during the month of February, 1900:

FEBRUARY.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
1	—	45	—	50	95
2	290	—	—	—	290
3	205	—	274	—	479
4	102	—	—	—	102
5	170	—	—	—	170
6	—	52	—	45	97
7	141	—	154	—	295
8	—	65	—	50	115
9	295	—	—	—	295
10	214	—	290	—	504
11	87	—	—	—	87
12	284	—	—	—	284
13	—	40	—	53	93
14	115	—	159	—	274
15	—	50	—	65	115
16	317	—	—	—	317
17	175	—	300	—	475
18	35	—	—	—	35
19	275	—	—	—	275
20	—	47	—	40	87
21	100	—	175	—	275
22	—	7	—	29	36
23	324	—	—	—	324
24	160	—	315	—	475
25	94	—	—	—	94
26	295	—	—	—	295
27	—	35	—	30	65
28	115	—	175	—	290
Totals .	3,793	341	1,842	362	6,338

NOTE.—At this house women and girls are admitted only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

CHARLES F. MORSE, Secretary

Building Department.

Old Court House, February 26, 1900.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending February 24, 1900:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	1	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	1	1	
2...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	
3...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	
4...	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	
5...	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	3	
6...	-	4	2	-	-	-	4	-	9	28	
7...	-	12	-	-	-	-	9	1	5	18	
8...	-	2	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	16	
9...	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	
10...	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	5	
11...	2	1	2	1	2	-	-	2	2	12	
12...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	8	
13...	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
14...	1	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	7	6	
15...	5	1	-	-	-	6	1	-	1	-	
16...	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	1	1	4	
17...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	
18...	-	2	1	-	1	1	-	-	3	5	
19...	3	-	11	-	1	1	-	-	5	6	
20...	15	2	7	-	9	11	2	-	4	15	
21...	1	-	4	1	-	1	3	-	-	5	
22...	7	1	6	1	6	-	-	-	1	1	
23...	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	
24...	1	3	1	-	-	1	3	-	1	5	
25...	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	6	2	1	
T'ls.	43	37	37	4	20	31	33	13	58	144	

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

City Clerk Department.

City Hall, April 16, 1900.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending April 14, 1900:

Number of chattel mortgages	111
Number of discharges of mortgages	17
Number of assignments of mortgages	6
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	3
Number of bills of sale	6
Number of assignments of wages	42
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	3
Number of married women's certificates	5

Accident notices were filed as follows:

April 9 — Frederick W. Pavitt, personal injuries, caused by defective manhole cover, corner Lowell and Brighton streets.

April 10 — Alice C. Whittemore, injuries to horse, caused by alleged defect in Washington street, Jamaica Plain.

April 11 — Bertha A. Byson, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in crossing

ou Portland street; Albert H. Johnson, personal injuries, caused by alleged defect in sidewalk on Dorchester avenue.

City Hall, April 23, 1900.

The following is a list of the principal matters recorded in the City Clerk's office for the week ending April 21, 1900:

Number of chattel mortgages	82
Number of discharges of mortgages	13
Number of assignments of mortgages	2
Number of notices of foreclosure of mortgages	3
Number of bills of sale	8
Number of assignments of wages	29
Number of assignments for the benefit of creditors	2
Number of ship liens	4
Number of married women's certificates	5

An accident notice was filed on April 16, by G. E. Brown, on account of damages to clothing caused by alleged defect in sidewalk on Revere street.

E. J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

Building Department.

Old Court House, March 5, 1900.

The following shows by wards the number of permits granted, material of buildings and nature of permits, and plans approved and disapproved, for the week ending March 3, 1900:

WARDS.	PLANS.				PERMITS GRANTED.						
	Ap- proved.		Disap- proved.		First and Second Class Buildings.	Third Class Buildings.	Alterations and Repairs.	Boilers, etc.	Plumbing.	Gas-fitting.	
	New Buildings.	Alterations.	New Buildings.	Alterations.							
1...	1	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	11	
2...	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	
3...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
4...	-	1	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	
5...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	
6...	1	7	-	-	-	-	6	1	3	26	
7...	1	11	-	-	-	-	11	3	6	22	
8...	-	6	-	3	-	-	3	-	3	6	
9...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	3	
10...	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	3	1	
11...	2	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	12	
12...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	
13...	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	2	
14...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	4	
15...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	
16...	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	
17...	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	7	19	
18...	-	3	-	-	-	-	5	1	-	3	
19...	18	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	15	
20...	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	10	
21...	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	6	
22...	1	1	1	-	-	1	2	-	3	1	
23...	2	4	1	-	-	1	3	-	3	6	
24...	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	6	
25...	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	
T'ls..	29	49	3	3	1	10	45	9	54	169	

JOHN S. DAMRELL, Commissioner.

Fire Department.

Bristol Street, April 23, 1900.

Official action has been taken by the Fire Commissioner during the two weeks ending April 21, as follows:

John J. Spillane, of Engine Company 17, has been granted a day off for meritorious conduct in stopping a runaway horse on Dorchester avenue, April 6.

A special draft has been drawn for \$3,706 in favor of W. L. Clark & Co. in part payment for construction of a new house for Engine Company 22.

F. J. Munster, of Engine Company 10, has been dishonorably discharged for absence without leave and being under the influence of liquor.

Fire-alarm Box 794 has been cut out of service.

Orders have been drawn on Welch & Hall for three horses at \$145 each; on the American Cereal Company for Schumacher Stock Feed for District 1 to 9, inclusive, for the months of May, June and July, also for five miles No. 9 covered iron wire for fire-alarm branch.

Patrick J. V. Kelley, of Engine Company 3, has been promoted to the position of lieutenant and assigned to Engine Company 23.

Samuel T. Rutherford, Michael J. Martin, Thomas Mulvey and Edward Jordan have been appointed call-substitutes, with call-men's pay, and assigned to Combination Company 9.

David A. Turnbull has been approved as call-substitute, without pay, for Combination Company 9.

The following transfers have been made:

Lieut. J. F. Gillen, Engine Company 10 to Engine Company 9; Lieut. T. J. Fitzgerald, Engine 9 to Engine Company 10; Lieut. Hadwin Sawyer, Engine Company 23 to Combination Company 9; Thomas H. Fox, Engine Company 14 to Combination Company 9; H. L. McCartee, Ladder Company 1 to Combination Company 9; Joseph MacDonough, Ladder Company 17 to Combination Company 9; William P. Costello, Chemical Company 10 to Engine Company 3.

Daniel J. Geariu, Joseph M. Ferreira, Coleman E. Clougherty and Thomas F. Cooney have been appointed on probation.

B. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

Health Department.

Old Court House, April 7, 1900.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been granted:

C. J. Jacobs, Bynner street, corner South Huntington avenue, Ward 22, twelve horses. J. John Cody, Willow court, Ward 16, eight horses.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending April 7, 1900:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	38	21	59
Negative	102	66	170
No growth	1	-	1

Totals 141 89 230

Typhoid diagnoses: Five cases, one case positive; four cases negative.

The following is a summary of the work done by the Bureau of Milk Inspection during March, 1900:

Number of samples of milk examined:	
From wagons	844
From stores	624
Brought to office	19
Total milk examinations	1,487
Number of samples of vinegar examined,	66
Number of samples of butter examined,	37
Total samples	1,590
Number of complaints entered:	
Sale of milk without a license	8
Milk not of good standard quality	17
Possession of yellow oleomargarine with intent to sell	3
Serving oleomargarine in restaurant without notification	14
Total complaints	42
Number of convictions	10
Case nol pros'd	1
Pending March 31, 1900	31
Total	42
Number of appeals	3
Amount paid in fines	\$410

Old Court House, April 14, 1900.

The following petitions for the occupancy of stables have been filed at this office:

Beverly Stevens, Wensley street, Ward 19, three horses; hearing April 26 at 11 o'clock. John J. Macdonald, Greenwood street, Ward 20, six horses; hearing April 26 at 11 o'clock.

The petition of Alexander Russell for the occupancy of a stable on 54 Champney street, Ward 16, has been granted.

Dr. Hibbert W. Hill, Director of the Bacteriological Laboratory, makes the following report on diphtheria diagnoses made during the week ending April 14, 1900:

Cultures.	Primary.	Secondary.	Totals.
Positive	24	23	47
Negative	92	69	161
No growth	—	—	—
Totals	116	92	208

Typhoid diagnoses: Twelve cases; two cases positive and ten cases negative.

C. E. DAVIS, JR., Secretary.

Institutions Registration Department.

28 Court Square, April 16, 1900.

Statistics for the week ending April 14, 1900:

Cases pending	—
Number of applications	63
Number of admissions:	
To State Almshouse, Tewksbury	21
Long Island Almshouse	11
Charlestown Almshouse	1
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	2
Boston Insane Hospital	8
Westboro' Insane Hospital	1
Worcester Insane Hospital	8
Dipsomaniac Hospital	4
	56

Number of applications refused	2
Number of applications withdrawn	5
Cases pending	—
Settlements investigated	63
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children	85
	17

28 Court Square, April 23, 1900.

Statistics for the week ending April 21, 1900:	
Cases pending	—
Number of applications	61
Number of admissions:	
To State Almshouse, Tewksbury	25
Long Island Almshouse	12
Observation Hospital, Deer Island	4
Boston Insane Hospital	3
Worcester Insane Hospital	5
Foxboro' Asylum	2
	51
Number of applications refused	2
Number of applications withdrawn	8
Cases pending	—
Settlements investigated	61
Settlements reported to the Trustees for Children	65
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W. T. SEDGWICK, Registrar.

Penal Institutions Department.

32 Tremont Street, April 16, 1900.

Statistics for the week ending April 14, 1900:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	114	30
Females	17	5
Totals	131	35
Offences:		
Against the person	5	7
Against property	14	15
Against public order and decency	114	14
Totals	†133	*36
Discharges:		
Males	119	17
Females	22	2
Totals	141	19
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence, Permit of Commissioner	122	19
Payment of fine	17	—
Totals	141	19
Population:		
April 7, 1900	916	502
Committed since April 7, 1900	131	35
Totals	1,047	537
Discharged since April 7, 1900	141	19
April 14, 1900	906	518

* One man committed charged with two offences.
† Two committed charged with two offences each.

32 Tremont Street, April 23, 1900.
Statistics for the week ending April 21, 1900:

	Deer Island House of Correction.	South Boston House of Correction.
Commitments:		
Males	128	14
Females	29	7
Totals	157	21
Offences:		
Against the person	7	5
Against property	19	4
Against public order and decency	135	12
Totals	*161	21
Discharges:		
Males	118	9
Females	16	3
Totals	134	12
How discharged:		
Expiration of sentence	120	10
Permit of Commissioner, Payment of fine	7	—
Transferred to Deer Island	—	2
Totals	134	12
Population:		
April 14, 1900	906	518
Committed since April 14, 1900	157	21
Totals	1,063	539
Discharged since April 14, 1900	134	12
April 21, 1900	929	527

* Four committed charged with two offences each.

PETER MORRISON, Commissioner.

Wire Department.

Old Court House, April 2, 1900.

Following is a summary of the work of the Wire Department for the two weeks ending March 31, 1900:

OVERHEAD, UNDERGROUND AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	625
Defects reported	112
Defects corrected	195
Notices of new work received	61
Feet of dead wire removed	5,300
Fixtures removed	27
Poles set	114
Poles reset	5
Conduit construction	7
Building connections	3
Pole connections	2
Repairs	5
Manholes built	10

Proposed pole locations on Broadway, L, First, D, A, Seventh, St. Paul, Trumbull and Fabian streets were approved; proposed pole location on Eighth street was objected to.

Response was made by the Department to a third-alarm fire, Box 47, March 24, at 32 Purchase street.

Approval of permits for underground work has been given as follows:

Conduit construction	6
Building connections	14
Pole connections	1
Repairs	5
Catch-box locations	20

Inspections have been made as follows:

Conduit construction	2
Building connections	2
Pole connections	3
Repairs	2
Catch-box locations	9

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	540
Notices of new work received	153

Inspections were made of temporary wiring at theatres, and two changes were ordered made.

The current has been cut out of three buildings on account of dangerous and defective condition of wiring.

Response was made to a third-alarm fire on March 26, Box 51, fire at 234 Congress street.

Old Court House, April 16, 1900.

The following is a summary of the work performed by this Department for the two weeks ending April 14, 1900:

UNDERGROUND, OVERHEAD AND DEAD WIRE DIVISIONS.

Inspections made	635
Defects reported	140
Defects corrected	203
Notices of new work received	103
Fixtures removed	26
Feet of dead wire removed	5,400
Poles set	10
Conduit construction	24
Repairs made	9
Feet of conduit completed	1,427
Building connections made	10
Feet of duct laid	3,178
Service connections made	41
Manholes built	8

Response was made to a second alarm of fire from Box 15 at 8 P.M. April 4, fire at 192 Commercial street.

Proposed pole locations have been approved as follows: On Saratoga, Coolidge and Clyde streets for the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company. On Walk Hill street for the Massachusetts Telephone and Telegraph Company. On Walk Hill, Eighth and Wachusett streets for the Boston Electric Light Company.

INTERIOR DIVISION.

Inspections made	543
Notices of new work received	199

Inspections have been made of the temporary wiring of the various theatres.

Examinations have been made of fires at 375 Washington street, on April 2, and at Hotel Pelham on April 10.

Electrical tests have been made of wiring of the Ann White Vose building of the City Hospital, also of the plant and wiring of the Institution Department buildings on Long Island.

THOMAS W. FLOOD, Commissioner.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be held in the Aldermanic Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, May 7, 1900, at 3 P.M.

HOUSES ORDERED VACATED AND DEMOLISHED.

The following is a list of the houses ordered vacated by the Board of Health during the month of April, 1900:

35 Cabot street.
1 Athens-street court.
37 Everett street.
Adjoining 23 Berkeley street.
34 Cottage street.
177 Bolton street.
178 Eighth street.
22 Medford street.
32 Nashua street.
131-133 Charlestown street.
6 Williams terrace.
4297 Washington street.
148 Ninth street.
17 South Margin street.
42 Fourth street.

The following buildings were ordered demolished during the month:

18-20 Carver street.
Part of a partially burned building 23 Berkeley street.

FUNDS FOR OTTAWA.

The committee appointed by Mayor Hart to have charge of raising and distributing funds for the relief of the sufferers from the recent fire at Ottawa, met at the Mayor's office on Tuesday, May 1, 1900, and organized by choosing J. Murray Kay, Chairman and J. Calder Gordon, Secretary. The following appeal for funds was issued:

TO THE CITIZENS OF BOSTON:

I have received telegrams from the Mayor and Relief Committee of Ottawa asking our aid for the thousands of persons whose houses and property have been destroyed by the recent fire. The cause is one well worthy of the support of the Boston public. Messrs. Kidder, Peabody & Co. have consented to act as treasurers of the fund to be raised in Boston, and I invite the public to send their subscriptions to the said firm, at 113 Devonshire street, and trust that the responses will be of the liberal character that Boston is accustomed to make to such requests.

THOMAS N. HART, Mayor.

The undersigned, members of the Relief Committee, unite with the Mayor in the above appeal for aid:

J. Murray Kay, Chairman; J. Calder Gordon, Secretary; Henry L. Higginson, John H. Holmes, Eben D. Jordan, B. F. Keith, William H. Lincoln, E. M. McPherson, Arthur McArthur, Stephen O'Meara, Henry W. Patterson, Francis H. Peabody, Frederick S. Risteen, John Shepard, Charles H. Taylor, Robert H. Upham, Henry M. Whitney.

Messrs. Kidder, Peabody & Co., report the Ottawa Fund as amounting to \$2,833, on the date of this issue, May 3.

Advertisements.

CITY OF BOSTON.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

TO TAXPAYERS.

Assessors' Office, Boston, May 1, 1900.

Your attention is called to our circular (now being distributed throughout the city) relative to making returns on property subject to taxation as early as possible before June 15 at 2 o'clock P.M.

Per order of the Board of Assessors.

GEORGE A. COMINS, Secretary.

NOTICE.

TO THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF BOSTON:

April 30, 1900.

The undersigned requests permission to project from building No. 70 Medford street, Ward 3, one bay-window of the following description: To project from second and third stories over Medford street. Dimensions: Twenty feet high, twelve feet wide and three feet over line of street.

PATRICK J. KYLE.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

April 30, 1900.

Upon the foregoing petition, it is hereby Ordered, That notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested, that this Board will, on Monday, the fourteenth day of May, at 3 o'clock P.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition, when any person objecting thereto, may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the Charlestown Enterprise and THE CITY RECORD, and by causing a copy of the same to be served, at the expense of the petitioner, upon the owners of the estates adjoining the premises of the petitioner by a Deputy Sheriff or Constable, who shall make due service thereof, and make return thereof, to the City Clerk; said publication and service to be made seven days at least before said hearing.

Passed.

A true copy.

EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

Attest:

EDWARD J. DONOVAN, City Clerk.

CITY OF BOSTON.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DEPARTMENT.

ATTENTION.

Court House, Court Square, Boston, May 1, 1900.

In compliance with the provisions of Section 12 of Chapter 65 of the Public Statutes of Massachusetts, I hereby give notice to all inhabitants or persons having a usual place of business in the City of Boston who use scales, weights or measures, milk and oyster cans, or coal and charcoal baskets, for the purpose of buying or selling any goods, wares, merchandise or other commodities or for public weighing, to bring them to this office to be adjusted and sealed. For any services performed under the provisions of the above section no fees shall be charged.

At any time after this notice the Sealer of Weights and Measures shall go to the houses, stores and shops of persons mentioned in the foregoing section who have neglected to comply with the notice given thereunder, and having entered the same with the assent of the occupants thereof, shall adjust and seal their scales, weights and measures, and shall be entitled to receive for said service the compensation set forth in Section 22 of Chapter 65 of the Public Statutes.

The said Sealer of Weights and Measures shall go once a year, and oftener, if necessary, to every hay and coal scale, dormant or other platform balance, in the City of Boston, that cannot be easily or conveniently removed, and test the accuracy of and adjust and seal the same, and shall receive therefor the compensation set forth in said Section 22.

All persons who neglect to comply with the above notice will be liable to the penalties provided by law.

DANIEL P. SULLIVAN,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

